

New Czech government named

PRAGUE (AP) — President Gustav Husak appointed a new government Wednesday following the resignation of the previous cabinet. Husak appointed a new 13-member government, including Ladislav Adamec as prime minister. The appointments were an endorsement of the Communist Party Central Committee. Adamec, 62, had been premier of the Czech Republic, one of the nation's two republics. He was expected to be less insistent on speedy reform than Husak. The Czech Republic's parliament Wednesday chose Frantisek Pitra to replace Adamec as the republic's premier. Pitra reported the new government requires approval by the Federal Assembly, or parliament, scheduled to meet in November. Parliamentary approval was a foregone conclusion. It was not immediately clear what became of a caretaker government that officials had said would rule until the Federal Assembly meeting.

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Goulding arrives in Iran

NICOSIA (R) — The head of U.N. peacekeeping operations in the Middle East arrived in Tehran Wednesday to visit U.N. observers monitoring a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported. The agency said U.N. Under-Secretary-General Marjorie Gouding flew in from Baghdad accompanied by the commander of the unarmed observer force, Major-General Slavko Jovic. Iranian television quoted Gouding as saying he would study "all practical problems" concerning the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) — a 24-nation force supervising a ceasefire which ended eight years of fighting between the two neighbors. Goulding also told the television he would hold talks with Iranian political and military officials during the visit, his first trip to Iran. Goulding told reporters in Baghdad that Iran and Iraq had exchanged 16 bodies of their war dead — the first such exchange since the ceasefire.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Egypt asks Sudan to stop mediation

CAIRO (R) — Cairo has asked Sudan to drop efforts to settle long-standing differences between Egypt and Libya, the national Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Wednesday. "Such efforts are doomed to failure because Egypt has tried over the past seven years without avail," it said. Idris Al Banna, a member of Sudan's Supreme Council, visited Cairo last week to try to improve Egypt's ties with both Libya and Syria. "Banna's efforts should not be wasted in a reconciliation that is difficult to achieve, at a time when Sudan under the present circumstances, is in need of Banna's efforts more than any other country," MENA said.

Kuwait to put its flag back on 6 tankers

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait will put its flag back on six tankers now registered in Liberia in view of reduced tension in the Gulf following the August 20 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, a senior shipping source said Wednesday. But he said the government-owned Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC) had no immediate plans to cancel the registration in the United States and Britain of 14 other tankers that qualify for naval protection in the Gulf. Kuwait put virtually all its 22-vessel tanker fleet under foreign flags last year after Iranian attacks on the Gulf.

Moscow, Islamabad to continue talks

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan Foreign Minister Subhazada Yaqub Khan said Wednesday Islamabad and Moscow had agreed to continue talks about a future broad-based government in war-torn Afghanistan. He was talking to reporters on return from New York where he met Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze last month. Yaqub Khan said that in his Sept. 28 meeting with Shevardnadze he stressed the importance of an "interim broad-based government" enjoying the Afghan people's confidence. "Finally we agreed on the need to continue our dialogue," he said. Kahul invites ex-king for talks, page 8.

IRA claims responsibility for attack

BELFAST (AP) — The Irish Republican Army (IRA) claimed responsibility Wednesday for a shooting incident in a Belfast ice cream parlour in which an off-duty policeman died and two customers were injured. The IRA, which is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, made the claim in a statement to Belfast news media.

Kuwait creates new governorate

KUWAIT (R) — The government has divided Kuwait into five administrative districts instead of four, Kuwait Radio reported Wednesday. It said an emiri decree named Sheikh Ahmad Al Hamoud Al Jaber Al Sabah as the first governor of Farwaniya, a new district to include fast-growing suburbs southwest of Kuwait City. Existing governorates include the capital, the southern suburbs of Hawali and the northern and southern regions of Jahra and Abmaadi.

London disowns team's Syria visit

LONDON (AP) — A group of government and opposition lawmakers will visit Syria next week at the invitation of the Syrian government and not as representatives of the British government, the Foreign Office said Wednesday. Britain broke diplomatic relations with Syria in 1966, accusing it of complicity in the attempted sabotage of an Israeli airplane at Heathrow airport. "They were advised not to accept the Syrian invitation and were warned that if they did the government would disassociate itself from the visit," said a Foreign Office spokesman. "This we now do." Two lawmakers from Britain's governing Conservative Party and one or two from the opposition Labour Party are scheduled to meet Syria's foreign minister and other senior officials next week. They may also meet President Hafez Al Assad. Labour lawmaker Andrew Faulds, an expert on the Middle East described the trip as a personal visit, but said: "Syria is too important a country in Middle East politics for Britain not to have contacts."

Reagan: Iran should prove new stand

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan Wednesday said Iran could prove it wanted better relations with the United States by freeing American hostages held by pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon. "There's an easy way for them (Iran) to prove it: turn the hostages loose," Reagan said. The president made the statement in reporters as he left the White House for a day of campaigning in Pennsylvania and New Jersey on behalf of Vice-President George Bush. He had been asked about a published report that Iran had adopted a more conciliatory policy towards the West.

Army leaves south Sudan garrison town

KHARTOUM (R) — The army's general command said it had made a tactical withdrawal from the garrison town of Katos in southern Sudan after a six-hour battle with rebels. The announcement Tuesday night said the garrison had killed 40 rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) for the loss of two of its own men before pulling back from the town, close to the border with Uganda. The SPLA said last Friday it had captured the town after a three-day battle.

Chad, Sudan discuss security

KHARTOUM (AP) — Chad and Sudan are joining forces against bandit gangs from both countries whose looting and robbing rampages in recent months have resulted in hundreds of deaths in western Sudan. Among targeted warlords is Sheikh Ibn Omar, once designated by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi as Chad's president, whose army of 2,000 renegades is said to be hiding out in Sudan. A Chadian-Sudanese committee went this week to Al Fasher, capital of the west's main region Darfur, to meet with Ibn Omar and leaders of other armed Chadian factions. The Chadian delegation has been in Sudan since Saturday, discussing ways to improve security near the frontier to stop infiltration of armed bands.

EC parliament okays Israel accord

STRASBOURG (R) — The European Parliament approved trade accords with Israel Wednesday, after delaying approval for almost 10 months in protest at action to crush the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The parliament voted overwhelmingly in favour of the accords, which will cut European Economic Community tariffs for certain Israeli exports, notably cut flowers, and provide for EC soft loans to Israel.

Ethiopian president ends Syria visit

DAMASCUS (R) — Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam Wednesday ended a trip to Syria where he had talks with President Hafez Al Assad on promoting economic and political cooperation, diplomats said. Assad and Mengistu had three closed-door meetings during the Ethiopian leader's two-day visit, the diplomats said. Officials travelling with Mengistu also signed an agreement of understanding in promote economic and financial cooperation with Syria.

Reforms to be presented to referendum

Algeria ends state of siege

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Police replaced tanks and armoured cars in most of Algiers Wednesday after a six-day state of siege and overnight curfew were lifted on the Algerian capital.

Traffic again clogged streets newly cleaned of the debris left behind by riots in which at least 180 people were killed and 3,000 arrested. People worked normally and markets were crisscrossed with cut-price fruit and vegetables.

The army remained on guard only outside the post office, national security headquarters and other strategic buildings as Algerians awaited political reforms promised by President Chadli Benjedid.

Protests against falling living standards and austerity died down after Benjedid promised to open up Algeria's single-party system.

Changes in the constitution are to be put to popular vote in a referendum, the presidency said in a statement Wednesday.

The statement, reported by the news agency APS, said the changes would involve "a new organisation of the executive," in which the president would choose a prime minister responsible to the National Assembly.

The present prime minister, Abdul Hamid Brouhimi, draws his authority from the National Liberation Front (FLN), which has ruled Algeria as a one-party state since 1962.

The statement said the referendum would be held Nov. 3, which would be before the next FLN congress, due to be held at the beginning of December.

The programme of political reforms promised by Benjedid in a



Chadli Benjedid

broadcast Monday will be submitted to the FLN congress and will ensure "greater democratisation of political action," the statement added.

The reforms, involving "political and institutional changes" in the constitution, will also be submitted later to referendum, the statement concluded.

Armoured personnel carriers and tanks rumbled away from public buildings and main intersections at 5 a.m. (10:00 GMT) in Algiers Wednesday, everywhere except around the Defence Ministry and other purely military installations.

But more than 3,000 looters and agitators arrested in the last hours of the state of emergency were still held in the police school at Al Bir and elsewhere.

The government acknowledged that at least 180 persons were killed throughout the country in the past week.

The shops were fully open Wednesday and government offices, public services and Algiers' vital harbour were functioning normally. The Islamic fundamentalists, who tried to take over the spontaneous protest against high prices and profiteers, appeared to have been taken by surprise by the government's sudden decision to withdraw the state of emergency.

"Ninety per cent of the people are satisfied with (Benjedid's) speech," a man on his way to work said.

In his address the president appealed for calm and promised that officials "at the highest levels" would be held accountable for their actions.

Meanwhile Algeria protested strongly to France Wednesday over its treatment of the riots and a French minister's remarks that Benjedid's actions may not have ended the unrest.

Diplomatic sources said Algerian government officials were angered at remarks Tuesday by Western diplomats in Paris that a total of 500 people may have been killed in the unrest.

The government was also upset about how the violence was treated in the French media, they added.

France's ambassador to Algeria was summoned to the Foreign Ministry to hear strong protests over Cooperation Minister Jacques Pelletier's remarks, APS said.

"These remarks are considered as inadmissible and as intolerable interference in the country's internal affairs."

Israeli army demolishes 4 Nablus homes, seals off 5

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops demolished Wednesday the homes of four Palestinians suspected of killing three Arabs they accused of collaborating with the Israeli occupation authorities.

An army spokesman said soldiers also sealed the homes of five other Palestinians in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus suspected of taking part in the killings last month.

All nine are members of so-called "Shock committees," appointed by the underground leaders of the 10-month uprising in the West Bank and occupied Gaza Strip, according to the spokesman.

Three members of the group were arrested and troops were searching for the six others.

Grenade attack

Palestinians hurled a hand grenade at an Israeli vehicle in the Gaza Strip Wednesday.

The hand grenade, thrown at 9:40 a.m. on Nasser Street in Gaza City, missed its target, and there were no injuries, the army said. Troops closed the area and launched house-to-house searches, an Arab reporter and Israel Radio said.

It was the second hand grenade attack in two days. On Tuesday, a grenade was thrown at an army patrol from a hospital compound on Nasser Street. Two army sergeants were lightly wounded in their legs.

Residents of Nablus have been confined to their homes by a six-day-old curfew and about 800 troops patrolled the streets to prevent demonstrations over the demolition of the houses.

Residents in Nablus said the army raided homes Tuesday night, making mass arrests.

An Israeli court freed on bail four Israeli editors of a banned Hebrew-Arabic newspaper jailed in May on charges they belonged to the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

The court ordered them not to leave their homes except for medical care and forbade them to

speak to journalists or leave the country.

Islamic leader held

The army Tuesday arrested the second prominent Muslim leader in a week in a move to stent the growing role of the Islamic resistance movement in the uprising.

Military sources confirmed the detention of Ibrahim Yuzuri, head of the Islamic Bloc, a major social and educational organisation in the Gaza Strip.

Islamic Bloc officials said they had not seen or heard from Yuzuri since Monday morning, when he was summoned by the Israeli "civil administration" authorities in Gaza.

Yuzuri, a pharmacist, is regarded as a figurehead but is a close aide to Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, spiritual leader of the underground Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), a fundamentalist group with ties to the Muslim Brotherhood.

Yuzuri's arrest comes less than a week after Israeli forces arrested Ibrahim Hamadeh, a cleric at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque, on suspicion he was one of Hamas's leaders.

Rabin's 'offer'

Meanwhile, Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Wednesday he was ready to withdraw most soldiers from the occupied territories and free Palestinian prisoners if what he described as anti-Israeli violence ended.

Rejecting international condemnation of the army's use of beatings and plastic bullets to the uprising, Rabin asked foreign journalists: "What do you expect of us? To run away?"

"I am ready to remove most of the soldiers from the territories, to close all the military installations in which we keep prisoners and detainees once violence is ended."

U.N. chief: No accord yet on peace conference

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Necessary agreement for convening an international peace conference on the Middle East is still lacking, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Wednesday.

"...The familiar and deep differences remain about the nature of that framework, about its powers, about the basis on which it would be requested in a General Assembly resolution last December urging the holding of a Middle East peace conference with the participation of the five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, China and France — as well as the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)," he said in a written report.

After giving the views of all those mentioned in the resolution, the secretary general said: "It will be evident from the above statements of the positions held by the members of the Security Council and the parties directly involved in the conflict that the Secretary General is again obliged in report to the General Assembly that the necessary agreement does not exist for the convening of the international peace conference on the Middle East."

The present state of affairs caused him grave concern, he said. Referring to the 11-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, he added: "The violence and suffering in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip continue unabated and underline the need for progress on the diplomatic front."



His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday inspects a guard of honour mounted by the Fifth Royal Armoured Division as part of a festival it staged to mark 16th anniversary of its establishment (Petra photo)

Armoured division stages festival to mark anniversary

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Wednesday attended a military festival organised by the Fifth Royal Armoured Division to mark the 16th anniversary of its establishment. The ceremonies included martial art performances as well as a guard of honour and parade inspected by the King.

The division's commander made a speech on the occasion welcoming the King and paid tribute to his leadership.

The division presented a token gift to the King

to mark the occasion of its anniversary.

The ceremonies were attended by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Chief of Staff General Fahir Abu Taleb, the governor of Ma'traq and senior Armed Forces officers.

Later Wednesday, the King paid a visit to the First Amman International Motor Show and viewed the automobiles on display there. The director of the show presented a token gift to the King. Field Marshal Sharif Zaid accompanied the King on the visit.

Jordan backs special panel's recommendations

OIC seeks to counter Western portrayal of Islam

JEDDAH (Agencies) — Islamic information ministers attacked the Western press Wednesday for its portrayal of Muslims and outlined ways to strengthen the Islamic voice on the international scene.

Professor Abdul Hadi Boutaleb, director of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO), told the ministers at their first conference:

"The Islamic World is depicted in the foreign media in a largely demeaning and unfair way. At best we are ignored."

Delegates to the conference, organised by the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Confer-

ence (OIC), said massive investment would be needed to counter the domination of world media by the West.

Proposals included the reactivation of the Islamic International News Agency (IINA), establishment of an Islamic news pool and modernising of equipment.

Jordan's address

Information Minister Hani Khasawneh, who represents Jordan at the conference, delivered an address wishing the ministers success in establishing a standing system of Islamic cooperation in information fields capable of propagating Islam.

"Jordan supports the recommendations worked out by a team of senior information officials from Islamic states and underlines the importance of the mass communication media in establishing strong brotherly relations among Islamic states," the minister said.

Referring to the situation in the Gulf, Khasawneh said the ceasefire in the war between Iran and Iraq served as a source of delight for all Muslims. The most important thing is to back Iraq in its endeavours to implement U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to ensure a permanent peace in the Gulf region, the minister told the conference.

Second round of Al Wihdah finance talks set for February

AMMAN (J.T.) — Several Arab and foreign countries and financial organisations which took part in a meeting here to discuss financing the Al Wihdah Dam project at Maqaret near the border with Syria have expressed readiness to contribute to the project, an official announcement said Wednesday.

The participants in the three-day meeting agreed to hold a second conference in Amman during February 1989 when they will discuss a comprehensive financing plan which would be ready by that time, the announcement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

The meeting, organised by the Ministry of Water and Irrigation and the Ministry of Planning, examined means of providing \$440 million for the project, which would make available up to 225 million cubic metres of water for irrigation and generate electric power to benefit both Syria and Jordan.

According to Taha Al A'lem, director of the Dams and Irrigation Department at the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA), the meeting reviewed different views presented by Jordanian officials and specialists on the feasibility of such a project, and its importance for Jordan's irrigation and drinking water projects.

Participants from different countries and organisations also submitted their views and displayed clear interest in it, A'lem said in a statement given to Petra.

A'lem said the final designs of the project were under examination and could be ready by the end of December 1988.

Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakqaan accompanied delegations Wednesday on visits to the dam site where they inspected ongoing preliminary work for opening an 800-metre-long tunnel, which will be completed by September 1989.

According to an agreement with Syria, Jordan will be using



Participants of a three-day meeting in Amman on financing the Al Wihdah project visit the site of the project Wednesday (Photo by Youssef Al Allan)

the stored water mainly for irrigation and Syria will be using part of the water and 75 per cent of the total hydroelectric power generated by a power station near the dam.

Shevardnadze offers radar site to UNESCO

PARIS (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze Wednesday suggested that the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) create an international scientific group to begin space research at a controversial radar station at Krasnoyarsk. He said Soviet scientists were ready to establish contacts with UNESCO to carry out "peaceful research at an absolutely peaceful radar installation."

In a speech Sept. 16, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev proposed that a centre for international cooperation in the exploration of space be set up at the radar station.

Krasnoyarsk is 3,200 kilometres east of Moscow.

The United States has said the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty permits use of the Krasnoyarsk station for space tracking, but contends that evi-

dence suggests it is actually used for missile detection, warning and tracking, a violation of the ABM treaty.

Shevardnadze, on the last day of a three-day official visit to France, spoke to a special session of UNESCO's governing executive board. He said developing peaceful cooperation in space was one way of preserving humanity's common heritage.

He said the most important problem facing the 158-nation Paris-based organisation was to prevent the scientific and technological revolution from alienating people who depend on it to improve their lives.

"By common efforts," he said, "we must seek a formula permitting an equitable distribution of the achievements of science. We should try to establish an order to ensure that the fruits of scientific knowledge become the property of all people."

NHF forms committee to select winners of Queen Noor Prize

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — As part of its effort to start a national movement of children's literature, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) has formed a committee to select winners of the Queen Noor Prize for Children's Literature.

The prize, worth JD 1,000, will be awarded in June 1989 to winners of the following categories in children's literature: short stories and novels, poetry, theatre as well as humanities and sciences.

At an informal meeting with prominent Jordanian writers and novelists Wednesday, NHF Director In'am Al Mufti stressed the need for cooperation and coordination to develop children's literature in the Kingdom.

"We would like to start a

movement to develop children's literature in the country and to support all those in need of help so that they may be able to publish their writings," Mufti said.

A seminar on children's literature held in Jordan last year, and the interest expressed by parents in that subject, has given impetus to the movement, she declared. At present, Mufti conceded, contributions to children's literature in the country were still at an individual level. Obstacles in the face of such a movement can be overcome when individual efforts and contributions are closely coordinated.

"If we do not perfect our production and excel in our work, we will not be able to compete in anything," Mufti stated. "We have to cooperate closely to overcome all obstacles and start a

carefully planned movement with clearly defined lines and a bright future."

During Wednesday's meeting participants discussed the preliminary criteria established by the committee for the competition. The NHF will take responsibility for printing the winning piece of work and will reserve the copyrights for two years.

Mufti briefed participants about NHF activities and explained about projects related to children. "We have a comprehensive perspective when it comes to children in the country," Mufti said adding that the NHF coordinates with government bodies and voluntary organizations to avoid overlapping and redundancy in children's projects. "We ensure that our projects satisfy a certain need in the country."

Another medical team leaves for Sudan

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Another Jordanian mission left for Sudan Wednesday carrying medical equipment and relief supplies to the victims of drought and floods.

The new mission which comprises a number of doctors, specialists and male nurses will take part in the current expansion of the Al Kass Hospital in western Sudan which provides medical services to 700 people on a daily basis.

The Jordanian medical teams, which have been sent to the hospital on a rotating basis, said they had carried out surgical operations at the rate of 150 a month.

The new mission, the 17th of its kind dispatched to flood-ravaged Sudan, was seen off by Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, the secretary general of the Ministries of Awqaf and Health and Sudan's Ambassador to Jordan Mahjoub Radwan.

On Oct. 1, Jordan sent another

mission to Sudan comprising doctors and technicians with relief supplies and medical equipment.

That mission was sent to replace another Jordanian team that had been working at the Faqih Hashem region in Khartoum, an area badly ravaged by the recent floods. It carried 15 tonnes of supplies as well as equipment for schools.

Apart from the drought and the floods, the Sudanese people fell victim to invasions by swarms of locusts which reports said caused extensive damage to crops.

Sudan's minister of agriculture had said that his country lacked sufficient insecticides or equipment to spray all agricultural lands facing the invasion.

Meanwhile, a public rally was held at Jerash Tuesday evening to raise funds for the Sudanese people.

Jerash District Governor

Rateh Majali addressed the rally, urging the public to contribute generously towards helping the



Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat Wednesday bids farewell to a new Jordanian medical team leaving for Sudan (Petra photo)

Sudanese people. The rally was organised by the National Jordanian Committee for Solidarity with Sudan which had earlier organised similar rallies in other Jordanian towns.



Khaled Al Haj Hassan

Maritime Academy board meets Saturday

AQABA (Petra) — Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan will open here Saturday the 37th meeting of the Arab Maritime Transport Academy's board, which will discuss plans for training personnel in maritime operations.

The board will also discuss and endorse a JD 1.3 million budget for the coming year and steps for promoting maritime research projects.

University, Peking institute sign exchange programme

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan's languages centre and the Peking Languages Institute in China Wednesday signed an executive programme on cultural cooperation.

University President Abdul Salam Al Majali and China's Ambassador to Jordan Zhabu Zhen signed here the programme in the presence of university officials and Chinese embassy staff.

Under the terms of the programme, exchange visits by stu-

dents and teachers will increase, as well cooperation in the translation of books and literary work. The programme will initiate an exchange of educational references and students to study Arabic and Chinese at each other's institute.

Furthermore, the two sides pledge to invite each other's lecturers and participate in seminars and conferences on history, literature, Arabic and Chinese.

OBITUARY

Ellen Kamil Wahbeh
widow of late Jamil Wahbeh,

mother of Laila — wife of Dr. Adnan Hanna Halasa — Nabil, engineer Hani, Dr. Kameel and late Dr. Nabila, has passed away in Beirut. Condolences are accepted at the house of her son-in-law Dr. Adnan Halasa in Jabal Amman near the Guest Palace on Friday and Saturday Oct. 14 and 15, 1988. Women will be received in the mornings and men in the evenings.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PRINCE MOHAMMAD: His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Wednesday visited the Prime Ministry and conferred with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai (Petra).

RIFAI MEETS ENVOYS: Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Wednesday received Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Al Nimer, who is designated as Jordan's new ambassador to Egypt. Rifai also received Samir Al Hmoud, Jordan's designated ambassador to Oman (Petra).

HAI HASSAN MEETS IRAQI AIDE: Transport and Communication Minister Khaled Al Hai Hassan Wednesday received Iraqi Transport and Communication Ministry Undersecretary Khaled Al Samir, who conveyed a message from the Iraqi Transport Minister praising Jordan's support for Iraq in all fields. Hai Hassan expressed Jordan's desire to bolster and develop bilateral relations particularly in the field of transport (Petra).

FASHION SHOW: Her Highness Princess Taghreed Wednesday attended a fashion show at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, the proceeds of which will be used to help the needy students attending Jordanian universities (Petra).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: Minister of Culture and National Heritage has referred to the Cabinet a draft law on the protection of authorship, as part of the ministry's efforts to stimulate the literary movement in the country (Petra).

MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE: The first high level training course for senior civil servants will open at Yarmouk University on Oct. 29 and will train officials from Ma'arra and Irbid governorates, according to Abdullah Ulayyan, Director General of the Institute of Public Administration which is organising the course (Petra).

PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY: Minister of Awaq and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat met Wednesday with heads of Awaq departments in different provinces to discuss arrangements for celebrating the Prophet Mohammad's Birthday which falls on Oct. 25 (Petra).

PEOPLE'S ARMY GRADUATES: A new batch of People's Army recruits, all students from Ma'an Comprehensive School for Boys, graduated from Ma'an Governorate after completing a training course in the use of light arms and first aid and civil defence operations (Petra).

SOCIAL SECURITY: Social Security Corporation Director General Mahdi Al Farhan will hold a press conference Saturday to outline the achievements of the corporation since it was established 10 years ago (Petra).

POULTRY PROTECTION: A seminar was held at Wadi Duleil Wednesday to discuss means of protecting poultry at which lecturers from the Ministry of Agriculture spoke in detail on means of giving protection and care for birds against common diseases (Petra).

U.S. ENVOY VISITS JUST: Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) President Dr. Kamel Ajlouni Wednesday reviewed with U.S. Ambassador in Amman Roscoe Suddarth aspects of cooperation between JUST and the U.S. universities and means to bolster this cooperation in various fields. Ajlouni briefed the ambassador on the university's philosophy, goals and role in developing the society (Petra).

LECTURE ON U.S. ELECTIONS: The American Cultural Centre in Amman will host a public lecture by political consultant and columnist Dr. Elaine Kamarek on "The U.S. general elections" Saturday. Kamarek will discuss various aspects of this year's elections including the electoral college, the role of federal funding, and the importance of media coverage.

Kanaan, directors discuss prices, food reserves

AMMAN (Petra) — Supply Minister Abdul Salam Kanaan, Wednesday chaired a meeting here for directors of supply departments in various provinces to discuss measures related to ensuring food and other basic supplies in their regions.

Kanaan outlined the ministry's policy to ensure food commodities, fix prices and ensure sufficient food reserves for at least six months.

The minister urged the heads of departments to introduce programmes designed to improve the department officials' performance through training courses. He also urged them to carry out regular maintenance work on their warehouses.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

Thursday
EXHIBITIONS

- Art exhibition by Omar Al Basoul, at the Housing Bank Complex.
- Book exhibition, at Yarmouk University, Irbid.
- Art exhibition by Salam Kanaan, at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- Exhibition: Drawings and watercolours of German romanticism, at the Goethe Institute.
- Soviet book exhibition, at Plaza Hotel.
- Lithography Art Exhibition by Sonia Delaunay at the French Cultural Centre.
- Book exhibition at the Karak Community College.
- Book exhibition at the Khansa' Secondary School in Madaba.
- An exhibition of antiquities of Teel Abu Hamid agricultural settlement in the Jordan Valley, at the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre.
- An art exhibition by Isam Salameh, at the University of Jordan.

FILM

- A film entitled "Velvet Chapter," at the Soviet Cultural Centre — 5:30 p.m.

SPECIAL SHOW

- The Clu Award winners for the best U.S. and international commercials produced in 1987, (video) at the American Centre — 7:00 p.m.

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- Photo exhibition to mark the 64th anniversary of the establishment of Soviet Moldavia Republic, at the Soviet Cultural Centre — 5:30 p.m.
- Armenian art exhibition by seven Jordanian painters, at Watany Sporting Club — 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- An art exhibition by Isam Salameh, at the University of Jordan.



Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh Wednesday receives Sudanese Housing and Planning Minister Othman Sharif upon arrival in Amman (Petra photo).

Sudanese minister arrives for talks on construction

AMMAN (Petra) — Sudan's Housing and Planning Minister Othman Sharif arrived here Wednesday at the head of a delegation on a visit to Jordan due to last several days during which he will meet with officials to discuss Jordanian-Sudanese cooperation.

In a statement upon arrival, Sharif said he will meet with his Jordanian counterpart Shafiq Zawaideh, tour Jordanian construction projects, and brief Jordanian officials on the dimension of the tragedy that had befallen the Sudanese people, their homes and workplaces as a result of the recent floods.

Sharif was welcomed at the airport by Mr. Zawaideh and other officials as well as Sudan's Ambassador Mahjoub Radwan.

Ajloun forest fire put out

AJLOUN (Petra) — Fire engines from the Jordanian Armed Forces, the Civil Defence Department and the Jordan University of Science and Technology have joined forces in putting out a fire which broke out at Halawah Forest regions in Ajloun district, and burned down at least 1,000 trees.

A spokesman for the CDD here said that the fire which went on during Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning spread across 200 dunum state-owned forest land and no less than 100 dunums of land owned by the local farmers.

The spokesman paid tribute to the efforts of local inhabitants to extinguish the fire and appealed to the public to refrain from making fire and throwing cigarettes butts inside forests, or in areas nearby.

JUST takes more students than it can accommodate

IRBID (Petra, J.T.) — The Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) this year accepted a greater number of students in its faculties than it can really absorb, mainly because buildings are still under construction, according to University President Kamel Ajlouni.

The university is still being established, and many of its faculties are under construction. So far, five buildings for the engineering faculty, which have been completed, are being used by 5,000 students from other faculties," Ajlouni said in a lecture delivered at the Irbid Cultural Forum.

Once all the buildings of various faculties have been completed the university will be able to absorb 20,000 students, the president said. "But if more students are to be admitted then more laboratories, training hospitals and other facilities have to be built," he added.

Last March, JUST announced that it had embarked on the first stage of a project to provide appropriate residential quarters for its students and members of the teaching staff.

It said JD 4.4 million will be spent on the project, which will provide dormitories for at least 1,200 students.

Currently work is underway to build medical sciences buildings and other facilities, a project due to be completed by 1990.



Father Jean Starcky on the high place of Petra in 1985

Fr. Starcky dies in Paris

AMMAN (J.T.) — The distinguished French scholar, Father Jean Starcky died in Paris on Oct. 10, 1988 at the age of 80. After he completed his studies at the Pontifical Institute of Rome, he was appointed at Palmyra as a chaplain of the French Army in 1938.

He spent his leisure time studying the inscriptions and monuments of this City of the Desert, and later published the first guide in French. He joined the Gaullist troops in North Africa during World War II. In 1946, he became one of the first founders of the French Archaeological Institute in Beirut.

As a member of the National Research Centre in Paris, he was invited in the sixties to work on deciphering of the Dead Sea scrolls which were purchased by the Palestinian Archaeological Museum in Jerusalem, and published several texts. He also worked on the Nabataean inscriptions and published the first comprehensive article on Petra in supplement to the Bible dictionary.

He participated in the First International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan in Oxford and in the symposium "Petra and the Caravan Cities," organised at the site in 1985, under the patronage of H.R.H. Crown Prince Hussein. His paper on "The Supreme God" was most noteworthy.

Father Starcky one of the best epigraphists and historians of religions. He loved the Arab countries and had many friends all over the Arab World, and helped many students and beginners in archaeology. He was modest, generous and eager to communicate his vast knowledge to others. His death will be deeply regretted by his friends and the scholarly world.

CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT: Jordan will take part in a three-day conference on environmental education in the American state of Florida Sunday, and Mustafa Sultan from the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature will submit a working paper on Jordan's experiments in spreading awareness in the Kingdom on means of safeguarding the environment, especially among school children. He will also outline the society's endeavours to establish wildlife reserves in Jordan to protect rare animals from extinction (Petra).

Princess Basma outlines Jordan's achievements in dealing with kidney ailments

Meeting discusses creation of Arab nephrology society

IRBID (Petra, J.T.) — Internists from Jordan, Arab and foreign countries opened a two-day meeting here Wednesday to discuss kidney diseases and kidney transplantation, and to review at least 34 working papers dealing with the subject and cooperation among Arab countries.

Her Royal Highness Princess Basma opened the meeting with an address in which she outlined Jordan's experiments and endeavours to deal with kidney ailments and achievements in this field.

"In 1972 Jordan carried out the first kidney transplant in the Middle East and it was from a dead person to a kidney patient," Princess Basma said.

Since then, she said, the Kingdom's hospitals particularly the King Hussein Medical Centre have been involved in numerous kidney transplant operations.

"Indeed Jordanian government hospitals offer this kind of treatment as well as kidney dialysis sessions free of charge, and the government foots the bill," the Princess added.

Princess Basma underlined the importance of maintaining close cooperation and an exchange of expertise among Jordanian, Arab and international institutions to offer better services to kidney patients.

Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh outlined the Kingdom's primary health care programmes which have been given impetus by the Health Ministry and the country's various specialised medical associations.

"Through primary health care the Ministry of Health continues to provide essential services to kidney patients for life," the minister noted.

Dr. Tareq Suheimat, president of the Jordan Society of Nephrology (JSN), which organised the conference, said that the meeting aimed not only to discuss kidney

representatives and will review working papers dealing with the kidney diseases in the Arab World, Suheimat explained.

He said that the JSN is a specialised society which encourages its members to take part in regional and international seminars and to exchange expertise in kidney-related issues.

Other speakers were Dr. Mamdouh Abbadi, president of the Jordanian Medical Association (JMA) and Dr. Abdul Mun'im

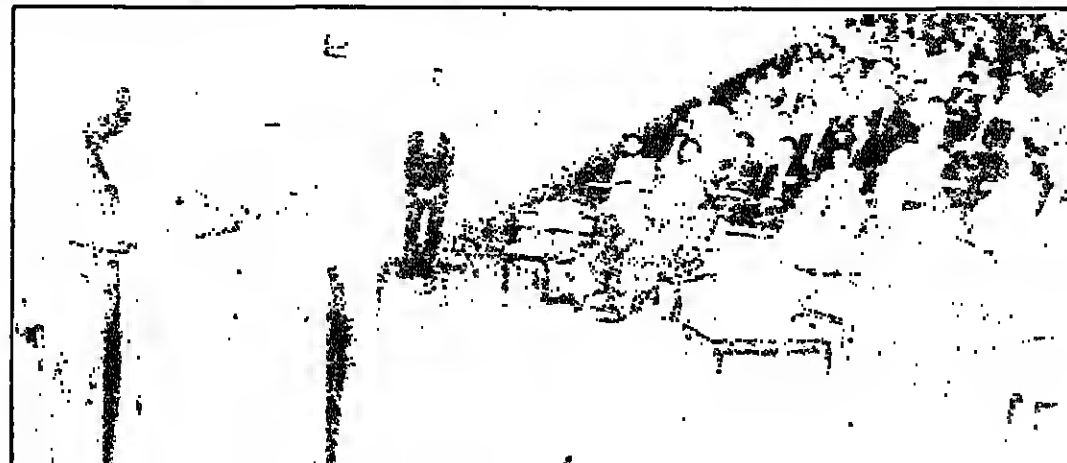
Hasaballa who has been serving as provisional president of the projected pan-Arab society.

A large number of Arab and foreign specialists, including Dr. Daoud Hanania, director general of the National Medical Institution, were present at the opening session.

According to Dr. Suheimat the sessions will be addressed by lecturers from the United Kingdom, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland and the USA.



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma at the opening session of the meeting on kidney diseases and kidney transplantation in Amman Wednesday (below) Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh delivers a speech during the opening ceremony (Petra photos)



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The same lesson

ISRAEL'S policy of arresting or deporting grassroots leaders in the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and Gaza has clearly failed to stem the tide of nationalist protest that has swept over the land during the past year.

This week, the Israelis have tried a new twist by starting what appears to be a wave of arrests of Islamic religious leaders, on the assumption that this might quell the tendency of many Palestinians to turn to their Islamic faith for strength and guidance in facing up to the realities of occupation and disenfranchisement.

Of course, the tactic will fail, as have all other Israeli attempts to try to deal with the fundamental political dynamic through non-political means, whether military or otherwise. It is instructive that Israel should be searching for new techniques to use in its attempt to quell the Palestinian national uprising, at a time when the Palestinian leadership, the PLO, is seeking ways to resolve the Palestinian-Zionist and Arab-Israeli conflicts through negotiations that would satisfy the national demands of all parties.

This week, Israel seems to be isolating Islamic leaders. Next week, they will target the professional associations. Next month, it will be the turn of the academics to be arrested or deported. And through it all, the uprising will continue unabated, because the reality which Israel still has not understood is that the Palestinian uprising is not a movement of individuals that can be silenced by imprisonment. It is a broad-based, grassroots national movement that has neither head nor feet; it is a mass and a force that moves forward on the strength of its own genuine legitimacy. If Israel wishes to stop the uprising, it has to come to terms with the fact that Palestinian national rights must be exercised in Palestine.

We would hope that at some point in the next few years, a majority of Israelis would appreciate this, and would respond appropriately. Throwing a handful of public figures in jail only assures that a hundred others will mature to replace them. Is that not the lesson of Jewish history as well?

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily Wednesday tackled the situation in Lebanon in the light of a deadlock over the election of a new president and recent declarations by groups of parliament members of their support for the country's unity and independence. The paper said that the solution of many of Lebanon's problems lies in the hands of the Lebanese people themselves, and the declarations ought to serve as a guideline to the people of Lebanon in maintaining their unity and protecting their country's independence. All passes between East and West Beirut should be open to give access to deputies from both sides of the city to meet and elect a president, and end the current constitutional crisis in the country, the paper demanded. The past 15 years of civil strife, the paper said should serve as a good lesson for the Lebanese people and prompt them to take serious action that would save them from further tragedies and sufferings. This is the most opportune moment, that should be seized by the Lebanese to prove their willingness to live in peace, the paper concluded.

Al Dustour daily tackled the Islamic information ministers conference which opened in Jeddah in Saudi Arabia Tuesday. This conference offers a good opportunity for the ministers and their Islamic nations to take serious steps in the field of information to promote Islamic causes world-wide, the paper noted. The conference is the first in 20 years and should therefore be exploited to serve Islamic nations in general and the Palestine cause in particular, specially in the light of the Israeli repressive measures against the oppressed people of Palestine, the paper added. Besides, the paper said, the ministers ought to strive to present a brighter picture about the Islamic nations to the outside world and so help foil hostile elements from distorting the image of Islam.

Sawt Al Shaab daily also tackled the Islamic conference in Jeddah and said any consensus among the ministers on joint action would enable the Islamic world to confront the various informational challenges in one body. The information ministers ought to find a way with which the Islamic world can confront and abort all hostile campaigns directed on Islam as a religion and against the Islamic people, the paper noted. The paper said that mass media have become one of the most effective weapons, but also an important means of communication; and therefore, the establishment of an Islamic News Agency and a pan-Islamic broadcasting union is bound to help achieve the sublime objectives of Islam, and serve the causes of the Islamic countries. The paper, furthermore, called on the ministers to help establish a new international economic order which it said would help establish justice within the world community.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARY

Electoral procedures

A guest columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily tackles the question of cards issued to citizens entitling them the right to cast ballots in future parliamentary elections in the kingdom in accordance with instructions issued by the ministry of interior. The writer, Jalal Abbasi, says that the cards were meant by the ministry as a means of identification for voters and would be stamped once citizens cast ballots so as to stop manipulation in the voting process and to prevent citizens from voting again.

But Abbasi says there are other means for proving identity and better methods to stop manipulation or election abuses, which cost less and save citizens the trouble of obtaining voter cards through a long and complicated process. He suggests the employment of ordinary identity cards as a means of identification and stamping of voters' fingers with a special kind of ink to show that they had already voted. A citizen's right to vote as provided for in the constitution, the writer says, should not be linked to a mere card, nor should such cards serve as criteria in determining the eligibility of voters.

The Palestinian Provisional government

The pre-requisites of success

By Dr. Asa'd Abdul Rahman

THE idea of a Palestinian provisional government is becoming more and more acceptable among Palestinians. Proper timing, however, is what they differ on — some believe premature declaration of a temporary government could prove to be disastrous and abortive. The defunct All Palestine government is still fresh in the memory of Palestinians and it remains a solid proof of how the absence of favourable circumstances and proper timing could trivialise noble aims. Past experiences aside, how does the present differ in as much as declaration of a provisional government is concerned?

Three new phenomena have recently permeated the Middle East and international political environment which gave momentum to the concept of a Palestinian provisional government.

The first is the success of the Palestinian uprising (intifadah) in the occupied territories. The intifadah has succeeded in turning the gloom which persistently characterised the Palestinians' life in the last 40 years or so into a state of euphoria. Palestinian morale has been boosted since last December by the daring of Palestinian demonstrators. After a series of curfews, beatings, mass arrests, indiscriminate killings and tough practices of siege, the intifadah is still raging unabated. In Palestinian and Arab eyes, the stains of past defeats have been washed away.

Jordan's legal and administrative disengagement with the West Bank and Gaza Strip is the second important factor which has left its impact on this new Palestinian approach vis-a-vis the provisional government. For the first time since 1967, both the West Bank and Gaza Strip are widely referred to as occupied Palestinian

territories.

The international detente which the Gorbachev era has ushered in is considered to be the third important feature. Negotiations and not confrontations are likely to prevail as the two super powers have interest in defusing tensions in various parts of the world such as in Afghanistan, the Gulf, the Angola-Namibia-Pretoria triangle of violence, as well as the various potential hotbeds of violence in South America.

These variables, when combined, have forced a new approach towards the concept of a provisional government, as the Arab-Israeli struggle — thanks to various Palestinian, Arab and international developments — is on the verge of a drastic turn of events. On a different level, exponents of this concept, and the present writer is one of them, insist on one central theme. The idea must be extensively studied, and matured by the availability of a number of conditions.

Foremost among those conditions are:

(1) A minimal level of Palestinian national unity must be attained. Full consensus, especially during substantial breakthroughs such as the present one facing the Palestinians, is not likely to be achieved. Consequently, the agreement should be reached by the majority of votes. If the concept of a temporary government is rejected by the majority, it then becomes more of a burden than an asset. In this regard, all possible measures should be employed to avoid a schism among the Palestinian national organisations, especially those who attended the 18th session of the Palestinian National Council held in Algiers in April 1987.

(2) In connection with the above, and forming an integral part of it, is the position and attitude of the Palestinian masses. Special importance should be given to the Palestinian masses in the occupied territories who form the rank and file of the Palestinian intifadah. No level of unity among the Palestinian organisations makes sense if such unity jeopardises the aspirations of the Palestinian masses in the occupied territories.

(3) The new Palestinian leadership, which the proclamation of a Palestinian provisional government is likely to induce, must bring with it new political initiatives. Failure to do so will render such a government helpless and will eventually mire it in futile political squabbling. This unfortunate outcome will indisputably give the impression that the proclamation of such a government was a grotesque and tragic error of political judgement. The would-be government, short of appeasing the enemy and surrendering to his will, must endeavour to win the support of the international forces which the PLO has hitherto failed to co-opt.

(4) To ensure the success of such a step, a reasonably warm reception must be guaranteed in advance among various Arab, Muslim, non-Arab and friendly nations the world over. Without international advocacy a provisional government is likely to be born weak and helpless.

These then are the pre-requisites for the success of such a step. If strictly observed, the Palestinians can ensure a good level of success in achieving their aims. If not, they might be jumping hastily into the unknown without any guarantees.

'The status quo is not viable' — Shultz

Following are excerpts from a speech delivered by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Sept. 16, 1988. They represent a summary of U.S. policy over the Arab-Israeli conflict.

These include military hardware, defensible geographic positions, and technological knowhow. The United States has cooperated with Israel on these elements, and that cooperation will continue. But these are not the only critical components of Israel's security.

Real security results from resolving political differences that continue to fuel conflict. The location of borders is important, but more important is what crosses those borders: ideas, goods and people, instead of armies and weapons. Borders need to be secure and recognised, but political differences between neighbours also need to be resolved through compromise.

Palestinian political rights must also be recognised and addressed. Palestinians want more than the basic necessities of life. They want, and they are entitled to, political participation, and influence over political and economic decisions that affect their lives. This can occur if opportunities for peace and dialogue are seized.

A third enduring reality is that the history, security and destiny of Israelis, Jordanians, Palestinians and Egyptians are inextricably bound together. Jordan is a vibrant and heterogeneous society, with a strong national identity of its own. It is not a Palestinian state. An enduring settlement must reflect the reality that strong, open relations will need to exist among the Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian and Egyptian peoples.

Effective policies in a period of change

The challenge of Arab-Israeli peacemaking in a time of change is to find the right mix of fundamental realities and creative ideas. The question is how to assess some of these ideas at this time.

Peace cannot be achieved through the creation of an independent Palestinian state, or through permanent Israeli control or annexation of the West

WASHINGTON (R) — With just four weeks to go in the U.S. election campaign, Vice President George Bush is adhering to his basic campaign strategy despite Republican setbacks that seem to have halted his momentum.

Bush strategists believe the odds are stacked in their favour, a conclusion based on the following assumptions:

— Concern about the qualifications of Senator Dan Quayle, Bush's running mate, will be overshadowed by other issues between now and the Nov. 8 presidential election.

— Voters, especially in the south, remain apprehensive about Democratic Michael Dukakis's liberal image despite running mate Lloyd Bentsen's appeal to more conservative voters.

Liberal image sticks

— Bush has a solid hold on up to 220 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the election and has only to capture a handful of close states to achieve the winning margin.

Despite polls showing Quayle was outperformed by Senator Bentsen in a televised election debate between the vice presidential candidates last week, aides to Bush maintain Quayle did a respectable job.

They argue that in the end voters will base their decision on the merits of the top men on the ticket. They say the shift in public attention should be complete by Thursday night when Dukakis

Bush campaign confident of solid electoral core

and Bush face off in the campaign's final debate.

"This race is going to quickly get back to the race between the two candidates, just like it always does," Bush campaign manager Lee Atwater insisted. "There are only two gladiators out there at the end — Bush and Dukakis."

Bush has all but ignored clamour about Quayle to hammer away at Dukakis, who he sneeringly calls "the liberal governor of Massachusetts."

Political experts of all stripes say Bush has hurt Dukakis badly with the liberal charge, which signals to many voters a politician who would weaken America's defences and backs heavy intrusion into their daily lives.

"I have indicated where the liberal governor has been and is," Bush told a crowd last week in Midland, Texas. "I will not let him obliterate the past and fool the American people."

Bush has latched onto a Massachusetts weekend Furlough programme that on several occasions has released convicts who have then committed crimes.

Bush labelled Dukakis the "Furlough King" in one recent speech.

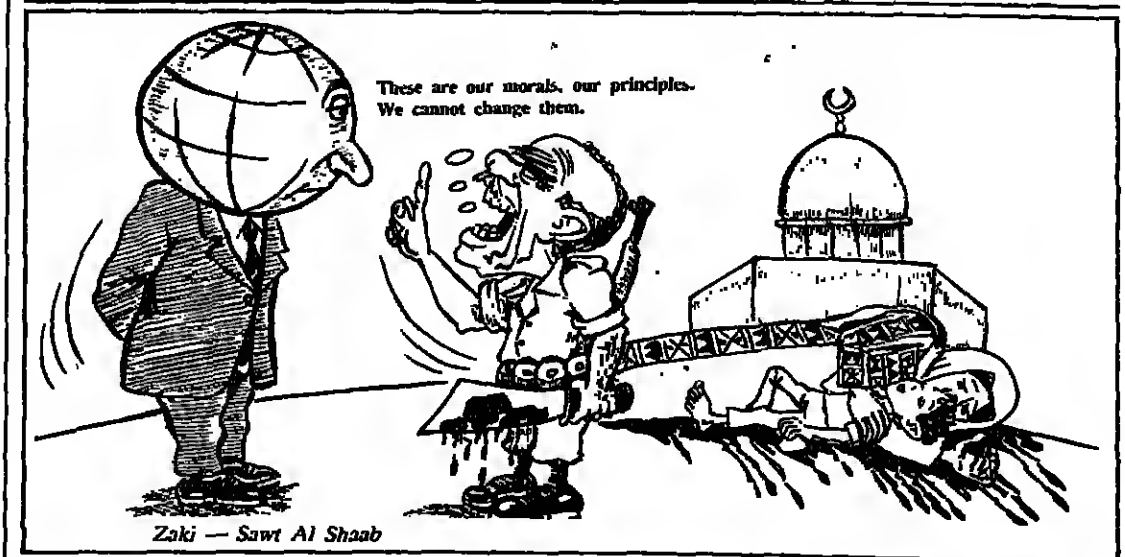
Republicans argue that the doubts about Quayle, who polls show is widely viewed as unprepared to assume the presidency in an emergency, will fade over time.

"The polls show who performed better as a debater," Craig Fuller, Bush's chief of staff, told Reuters.

While national polls show Dukakis has halted a two-month slide and dented slightly on Bush since a Sept. 25 debate between the presidential candidates, Republicans are gleeful over regional polls that gives them a big electoral vote edge.

Under the indirect U.S. system, a candidate needs 270 electoral votes to win the presidency. The popular vote winner in each state takes all of its electoral votes.

Bush campaign manager Lee Atwater said Bush had a base of between 210 and 220 electoral college votes which were as "solid as anything can be in politics."



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MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran, Kuwait to exchange ambassadors

MCOSIA (R) — Iran and Kuwait are to upgrade relations to ambassador level and Kuwaiti diplomats are now in Tehran discussing final details, the Iranian deputy prime minister for political affairs said. Speaking in Tabriz, northwest Iran, Tuesday, Minister Ali Reza Moayeri told the Iranian news agency IRNA that the necessary arrangements for an exchange of envoys had been made.

Bourguiba statue removed from Tunis

TUNIS (R) — Workmen dismantled the equestrian statue of former President Habib Bourguiba at the end of Tunis's main avenue Tuesday to make way for a sculpture representing the era of President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali. The statue stands at the end of Habib Bourguiba avenue in Place du 3 Aout 1963, named after his birthdate, and has been one of the landmarks of the city since about 1980. Official sources said the workmen would move it to a less prominent site in La Goulette, the port of Tunis about 10 kilometres northwest of the city centre.

Israel to set up centre in China

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel will soon open an academic centre in China, Israel Television said Tuesday. It said the centre, Israel's first mission in China, would deal with an exchange of scientific information but would also serve as an unofficial liaison on bilateral issues. The centre was agreed last month in a meeting between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen at the China's U.N. mission in New York, the television said.

Freed hostage arrives in U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) — Freed Lebanon hostage Mithileshwar Singh arrived in the United States Sunday and is resting at an undisclosed location, the State Department said Tuesday. Spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said Singh and his wife, who travelled with him, were being assisted by representatives of Beirut University College and he was at a location made available by the college.

U.S. court to hear Achille Lauro appeal

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. supreme court said Tuesday it would hear an appeal by owners of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro seeking to dismiss a lawsuit by a group of Americans who

were passengers during a 1985 hijacking in the Mediterranean. The passengers were held captive by hijackers during a 52-hour ordeal that ended Oct. 9, 1985. The suit, filed in a U.S. federal court in New York, seeks damages for physical and psychological injuries they suffered and for the death of an American who was shot in the head and dumped overboard. The ship's owners, Lauro Lines, argued that any lawsuits against it must be filed in Italy.

Turkey turns back 15 Greeks

ISTANBUL (R) — At least 15 Greeks with Cypriot stamps in their passports have been turned away from Turkey this month in retaliation for similar Greek actions, Turkish Interior Ministry sources said Tuesday. The policy to turn away Greeks who had visited Cyprus was set out in an Interior Ministry circular sent to airports and border entry points 12 days ago, the sources said. In Ankara, a Foreign Ministry source said "uninformed persons" took such actions and denied it was policy. Foreign Ministry deputy spokesman Nazim Belger said an April 1984 decree allowing entry for Greeks with or without Cypriot stamps in their passports was still valid.

Saudi envoy arrives in China

PEKING (AP) — A special envoy of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd arrived Wednesday for an official visit that could be another step towards the establishment of diplomatic relations with China. The Xinhua News Agency said Bandar Ibn Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz would exchange views with Chinese leaders on the development of Sino-Saudi relations and international issues. Xinhua did not give details of the message.

Heavy damage reported in N. Somalia

MOGADISHU (R) — Western diplomats returning from a tour of northern Somalia said Wednesday that towns in the region had been devastated by civil war this year. The government invited diplomats, including the United States, West German and Italian ambassadors, as well as international relief workers on the inspection tour. It was the first time it allowed them into the arid, mountainous region since the army regained control from the rebel Somali National Movement after heavy fighting in June, July and August. The diplomats said the provincial capital Hargeisa and the city Burao were the worst hit. The Somali news agency quoted the diplomats as saying their governments were prepared to help thousands of refugees displaced by the fighting.

Sfeir prepares list of compromise candidates

BEIRUT (AP) — Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, head of the Maronite community, is compiling a list of up to seven presidential nominees to submit to the United States and Syria, several Beirut newspapers reported Wednesday.

"He hopes that the United States will use its good offices to persuade Syria to approve two or three of them so the election can be held," the independent daily Al Nahar said.

Its top columnist Michel Aho Jawdeh urged the 65-year-old Sfeir to stand personally for election. "The qualifications of the needed president to save Lebanon from its crisis fit only you and your friend Raymond Edde," Abu Jawdeh wrote. "It's a fateful responsibility which you will have to shoulder. Otherwise there will be no Lebanon."

Edde, 75, is a veteran politician who moved to Paris in 1976 after surviving three assassination attempts in Lebanon.

He has announced his candidacy for president, saying he would seek a commitment from the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council to pressure Israel into withdrawing from a border enclave it occupies in South Lebanon. This in turn would prompt the withdrawal of all other foreign forces from Lebanon, he says.

If he fails to get that commitment within 20 days of his election, Edde says he will resign. Sfeir has been authorised by 29 Christian parliament members to negotiate with rival factions as well as the United States and Syria to elect a new president.

That Christian bloc and a group of 16 other deputies issued separate but identical statements this week rejecting partition and calling for speedy presidential elections. Both sides stressed that the election should be held before Oct. 18, when the term of Parliament Speaker Hussein Husseini runs out.

The statements raised hopes for a compromise to avert a likely disintegration of parliament. Muslims have rejected the in-

terim government headed by army commander Michel Aoun that President Amin Gemayel appointed when his 6-year term expired Sept. 23. They back the incumbent cabinet headed by Salim Al Hoss.

Syria has been pressing for the election of either former president Suleiman Franjeh, 78, or Parliamentary Deputy Mikhail Daher, 58. Daher was a compromise candidate who emerged from Syrian and U.S. talks after a Christian boycott of parliament blocked Franjeh's candidacy.

Daher left Beirut with his wife and son for Paris Wednesday amid speculation he was dropping out of the race. He made no statement, airport sources said.

If a president and speaker are not elected soon, parliament is likely to disintegrate and the de facto partition of the country would be likely to be formalised.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the 16 pro-Syrian deputies rejected any kind of partition and ruled out the rehabilitation of an estimated 500,000 Palestinians in South Lebanon.

The group said in a statement in stressed "speedy and strong efforts to break the presidential election deadlock and overcome the obstacles and hardships that still prevail."

Police said a small bomb exploded Tuesday in an empty lot in west Beirut, damaging two parked cars but causing no casualties.

It was the 16th bombing in the capital's western sector since the constitutional crisis began.

Aoun's three-member cabinet dismissed Jamil Nimeh, head of Lebanon's security apparatus and a Gemayel protégé, and named Nadim Lteif to the post.

There was no immediate reaction to Nimeh's dismissal from Hoss' cabinet.

Nimeh's removal capped a purge of Gemayel supporters in military and security posts by Aoun.

The Christian heartland north of Beirut is now controlled by Samir Geagea, commander of the 6,000-strong Lebanese Forces.

Gemayel, Aoun meet

Gemayel and Aoun met for an hour on Wednesday at the De-

fence Ministry compound in suburban Yarze, confounding reports the former president was under house arrest.

A terse statement issued after the meeting said "the situation in the country was the main topic of discussion." It did not elaborate.

It was only Gemayel's second public appearance outside his home in east Beirut's Sin Al Fil district since he stepped down.

Several newspapers in west Beirut had claimed Gemayel was placed under house arrest after being stripped of power within the Christian community by Geagea.

Aoun fired Gemayel supporters from key army posts immediately after he took power.

Gemayel's 3,500-strong private militia later surrendered its four barracks in the Meina province of the Christian heartland to the Lebanese Forces.

The militia also took over Gemayel's French-language Le Reveil daily newspaper and his Voice of Justice radio station.

Both Geagea and Aoun have charged that Gemayel tried to give in to Syria in their bid to "impose" Daher as president when he made a surprise visit to Damascus on the final day of his presidency.

France to withdraw Chad troops

PARIS (R) — France plans to withdraw 1,200 troops stationed in Chad following restored diplomatic ties between Chad and Libya, French Radio said Tuesday.

Radio France Inter, in an unsecured report, said the French army was preparing a gradual pullout of all its troops.

A Defence Ministry spokesman declined to confirm the report, commenting: "All I can say is that the French force could possibly be withdrawn one day, but only on condition that the peace process is strengthened and in liaison with our Chadian friends."

A Chadian embassy spokesman said he knew nothing about the report.

Radio France Inter said General Maurice Schmidt, chief of staff of the French armed forces, would notify Chadian President Hissene Habre during an Oct. 16-17 visit of France's intention to withdraw.

The Defence Ministry spokesman confirmed

Schmidt would go to Chad next week to inspect the troops but said he did not know whether the general would meet Habre.

The official announcement of a withdrawal has been widely expected since Chad and Libya agreed Oct. 3 to settle their dispute over the Libyan-held Aouzou Strip in northern Chad and respect a September 1987 ceasefire.

Both countries agreed to set up diplomatic missions in each other's countries by the end of October.

The accord, welcomed by France, Chad's former colonial ruler, signalled the end to a war that had claimed thousands of Chadian and Libyan lives.

France sent troops to its former colony in 1983 in order to stem an advance by Libyan-backed rebels but later withdrew them under an agreement with Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

Paris stepped in again in 1986 at Chad's request after Libyan troops attacked Chadian forces.

Arabs protest British backing for anti-Iraq charge

LONDON (Agencies) — Several Arab ambassadors protested to the Foreign Office Tuesday over Britain's backing of allegations that Iraq had used chemical weapons against Kurdish rebels. Foreign Office Minister Wil-

liam Waldegrave told the ambassadors that Iraq should participate in a United Nations inquiry into the allegations, a Foreign Office spokesman said. A statement issued by the Arab League office said a delegation

Arafat: Decision on state will not wait

CAIRO (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Wednesday any decision to declare a Palestinian state would be taken regardless of elections next month in the United States and Israel.

Arafat had a two-hour meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, their second in less than a month.

Asked by reporters afterwards if a decision on a state should be delayed until after the U.S. and Israeli elections, Arafat said:

"We don't take into consideration what is happening in Israel or the United States. We care only for the interests of our people. My main interest is to find a land for my people."

Arafat said the Palestine National Council (PNC) would meet by the end of the month to discuss the issue, but he declined to give a date or venue.

Palestinian leaders meeting in Tunis last weekend decided to recommend to the PNC that it approve the declaration of an independent state.

Arafat arrived Tuesday to attend a political rally in support of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He told reporters his talks with Mubarak dealt with the uprising.

He said they also discussed the urgent need for an international Middle East conference and other regional matters like the peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

In Moscow, PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas said he believed the United States was moving towards acceptance of an international conference on the Middle East.

Abbas, heading a PLO delegation in talks with Soviet officials, also said Moscow had expressed support for the decision to recommend declaration of an independent state.

Lutfi Al Kholi, head of an Egyptian group coordinating support for Palestinians, said Wednesday three of the leaders of the Palestinian uprising were visiting Cairo.

It was not known if they had met any government officials.

Although PLO leaders reportedly were torn over whether

representing the Council of Arab Ambassadors accredited to London called on Waldegrave to express "dissatisfaction at the vicious campaign" against Iraq. The delegation asked Britain to produce evidence that chemical weapons had been used and pointed out that the Turkish authorities and the International Red Cross had not produced such evidence, said a Foreign Office spokesman.

It is similar to sanctions approved by the House of Representatives last month and was worked out in negotiations between House and Senate representatives.

The Senate and house bills must now go to a joint conference of the two chambers to arrive at a final version.

The Senate bill also would require the United States to oppose loans to Iraq by international financial institutions. The house version left this sanction as an optional measure the president might choose to use against Iraq.

U.S. Senate passes sanctions

The U.S. Senate Tuesday unanimously approved trade sanctions against Iraq.

The action came as the Senate struggled through a flock of amendments to a tax bill that threatened to become a "Christmas tree" of favoured projects as Congress tried to wrap up business and begin campaigning for November elections.

The amendment, proposed by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Claiborne Pell and passed 87-0, would bar sales to Iraq of arms and sensitive goods and technology subject to

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Jordan and Iraq resolve payment terms for goods

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Economics Correspondent

AMMAN — The government has finally announced an agreement with Baghdad to finance \$75 million worth of Jordanian exports to Iraq which were frozen in April for exceeding a \$185 million bilateral trade quota. The halt on exports has since caused great concern among industrialists over the future of the Kingdom's largest export market.

Industry and Trade Ministry Secretary-General Mohammad Saqqaf announced that letters of credits for Jordanian industrial goods exported to Iraqi public sector institutions, worth \$15,508,716, would be released and covered by Jordanian imports of Iraqi sulphur equal to the same value.

He said that exports to the private sector, worth \$50,000,000 would be paid as follows:

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credit and instructions how they would be financed.

He said the lists are available at the Ministry of Industry and Trade and at the Amman Chamber of Industry.

He called on exporters to contact Iraqi importers to amend their letters of credit in accordance with the new agreement.

He added that each exporter must apply to the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Amman Chamber of Industry to obtain from a committee a verification that raw material for exported goods were actually imported before the letters of credit were halted and that goods to be exported complied with ministry specifications as to the percentage of local material used.

Saqqaf said exporters must also obtain a certificate of origin for the goods to be exported from the Amman Chamber of Industry, verified by the ministry.

The announcement Wednesday of a final settlement of the export crisis with Iraq, over six months after its break in April,

drew some positive and some bitter comments from industrialists interviewed by the Jordan Times.

"It is good we solved the problem at last," one exporter said. "But what I cannot understand is why did it take us so long to come up with this magic formula to finance the exports."

Another industrialist made a similar comment: "It is very typical for us to solve the problem after the damage has been done. The crisis has created a lot of confusion as to whether we can continue exporting or not, and whether we should keep up our volume of production. We have waited way too long."

A third exporter was more positive: "The solution reached with the Iraqi government is satisfactory. It is very important to us to stay on good terms with the Iraqis, even if it took so long to solve the problem. What I am really concerned about is our future trade with Iraq. This is what counts, and this is what we should concentrate on."

Bush farm policy focuses on exports and production

WASHINGTON (R) — Republican George Bush as president would continue using export subsidies to promote farm-trade reform and would try to keep U.S. farmers producing at full capacity, a top farm adviser to Bush said Tuesday.

"First and foremost (his) policy is production-oriented, it's market-oriented, and a very major goal would be to be to get as much as is possible of the good lands back into production and keep it into production," former Iowa congressman Cooper Evans said in an interview with Reuters.

Evans helped develop the Republican Party agricultural platform, was chairman of Bush's farm policy advisory committee, and is given a strong chance to be agriculture secretary if Bush wins

the presidency. He spoke following an appearance before a Washington farm policy group.

Evans said Bush continues to support the export enhancement programme of subsidised commodity exports to force farm-trade competitors to reduce their subsidies.

"The whole thrust of the (programme) is to eliminate the subsidies other nations are using, to eliminate the barriers," he said. Although Bush strongly supports the 1985 farm bill and its goal of reducing U.S. crop prices to competitive levels, Evans said Bush favours some changes.

They include giving farmers more flexibility to choose which government-supported crops to plant.

BCCI charged with laundering drug money

TAMPA, Florida (R) — U.S. prosecutors Tuesday charged a major international bank and more than 80 individuals with taking part in a global scheme that laundered more than \$32 million for the Colombian cocaine trade.

Law enforcement officials in half a dozen U.S. cities, London and Paris were rounding up suspects and searching the offices of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), a Luxembourg-based institution named in federal grand jury indictments handed down in Tampa.

"It is the first time an entire international financial institution and its important members have been indicted" in a money laundering case, U.S. Customs Service Commissioner William Von Raab told reporters at a news conference.

Von Raab described the indictment as the "most important money laundering case in U.S. customs history."

Customs officials earlier said 84 people had been indicted but later scaled back the number to 81.

Prosecutors said the ring laundered drug profits for Colombia's Medellin cartel, believed responsible for up to 80 per cent of the cocaine shipped into the United States.

Among those named in the indictment were eight top managers of the bank, which operates branches in 72 countries and was described by prosecutors as the seventh largest privately held financial institution in the world.

Capcom Financial Services Ltd., a London-based company, was also charged in the indictment and one of its officers was arrested in Britain, officials said.

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Gulf plant to buy Jordan phosphate

ABU DHABI (R) — A joint venture company based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will build an \$80 million acid plant in Dubai's Jafar Free Trade Zone, an Indian embassy spokesman said Tuesday. The spokesman said the newly formed Emirates Narmada Industries (ENI) had signed the agreement for the plant with zone authorities Tuesday. He said the Indian government would buy the plant's output of 500 tonnes per day of phosphoric acid and 1,400 tonnes per day of sulphuric acid under the terms of a ten-year deal. The plant — due to open in 1991 — will import about one million tonnes of phosphoric rocks a year from Jordan and Morocco. ENI is jointly owned by Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilisers Company, a major Indian fertilisers manufacturer, and the UAE-based Mozak International Incorporated.

Saudi French bank hikes profit

RIYADH (R) — Al Bank Al Saudi Al Fransi said Wednesday its net profit for the first nine months of 1988 had risen 26.1 per cent to 57.4 million riyals (\$15.3 million). The Jeddah-based bank had reported a net profit of 45.5 million riyals for the same period a year earlier. The bank said its operating revenues declined to 361.9 million riyals (\$96.5 million) from 363.8 million riyals (\$97 million). But this was offset by a 7.6 per cent drop in operating expenses to 216.3 million riyals (\$58 million). Provisions for non-performing loans rose by about five per cent to 88.3 million riyals (\$22.5 million) from 84.1 million riyals (\$21.5 million). Total assets climbed 5.7 per cent to 15.93 billion riyals (\$4.2 billion) while loans and advances fell by about four per cent to 4.87 billion riyals (\$1.3 billion). Deposits rose to 11 billion riyals from 10.8 billion the previous year.

EC to finance W. Bank, Gaza projects

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Community (EC) said Wednesday it will provide about \$3.6 million to finance nine development projects in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The money, a statement said, will be earmarked for projects designed to boost income and employment in the agricultural, industrial and service sectors. It also is aimed at improving health care in poor areas, it said. The Community said it will channel 450,000 European Currency Units (ECUs), about \$544,500, to the Arab Development Society dairy plant in Jericho. It will provide 1.8 million ECUs, about \$2.2 million, in credit for small-scale operations in the agricultural, industrial and service sectors. An additional 765,000 ECUs, about \$925,650, will go for health care programmes.

IFC sees little Nigerian investments

LAGOS (R) — The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is set to co-finance a \$900 million oil project in Nigeria but the agency's head says he sees little sign yet of vital new private investment in black Africa's biggest economy. "I don't have the feeling that there is a huge amount of new investment yet," Sir William Rye told Reuters Wednesday. "Since we work in partnership with the private sector and if the private sector is not investing we can't do too much," he added.

Deutsche Bank rescues Kloeckner

FRANKFURT (R) — West Germany's Deutsche Bank said it stepped in Wednesday to rescue a major international trading firm which reckons it may have lost as much as 700 million marks (\$381 million) dealing in oil. The West German firm, Kloeckner and Co., is 90 per cent owned by the Peter Kloeckner charitable foundation. The founding Henle family owns the rest. It said the losses wiped out a large part of its profits from its other businesses and the company's own equity.

Britain to privatise coal industry

BRIGHTON (R) — British Energy Secretary Cecil Parkinson said Wednesday he intends to sell the nation's coal industry to private investors. "I reaffirm to you that there will be no 'no-go' areas for free enterprise... coal will be privatised," he told the annual conference of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's right-wing Conservative Party. A Thatcher sell-off of the state coal mines would be certain to fuel political passions. Bringing the mines under state ownership was among the most far-reaching actions of a socialist Labour government elected at the end of World War II. Parkinson said that selling them would be the "ultimate privatisation."

53 banks lend Malaysia \$350 million

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Malaysia signed an agreement Tuesday for a \$350 million loan from 53 banks around the world to finance development projects. Zain Azraai, secretary-general of the treasury, said at the signing ceremony that Malaysia had asked for \$300 million, but due to oversubscription by the international banking community, the amount was raised. It was the first U.S.-dollar financing Malaysia has sought in two years, during which it paid all outstanding dollar loans, amounting to about \$3.8 billion ringgit (\$1.41 billion). Zain said Malaysia's external debt was expected to fall this year by about four billion ringgits (\$1.48 billion) to 47 billion ringgits (\$17.48 billion) due to strong performances in the export and manufacturing sectors.



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AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

	Wednesday rates		Market rates	
	Central Bank official rates	Buy	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	376.0	380.0	411.3	422.5
Pound Sterling	647.1	653.6	717.0	725.8
Deutschemark	203.2	205.2	226.3	231.3
Swiss franc	239.6	242.0	260.7	268.3
French franc	59.6	60.2	64.8	66.1
Japanese yen (for 100)	288.5	291.4	—	—
Dutch guilder	180.2	182.0	—	—
Swedish crown	59.4	60.0	60.0	62.0
Italian lira (for 100)	27.3	27.6	—	—
Belgian franc (for 10)	96.7	97.7	—	—
Saudi riyal	—	—	110.1	112.1
Lebanese lira	—	—	—	—
Syrian lira	—	—	9.8	9.9
Iraqi dinar	—	—	292.5	303.7
Kuwaiti dinar	—	—	1421.3	1432.3
Egyptian pound (new)	—	—	170.0	180.0
Egyptian pound (old)	—	—	160.0	170.0
UAE dirham	—	—	111.5	112.6
Qatari riyal	—	—	112.6	113.5
Omani riyal	—	—	1068.7	1078.7
Bahraini dinar	—	—	1086.7	1095.6

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Oct. 12, 1988.			
	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	452042	JD 473855	518
Top three companies:			
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	40480	JD 72769	64
Jordan Rockwool Industries	71650	JD 52030	87
National Cable and Wire Manufacturing	52800	JD 51760	12
Parallel market:	2034	JD 1680	—
Development bonds:	7680	JD 77254	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Ministry of Industry and Trade	663191	Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation	603507
Ministry of Supply	602121	Free Zones Corporation	643001
Ministry of Finance	636321	Amman Financial Market	660170
Ministry of Planning	644466	Amman Chamber of Commerce	666151
Ministry of Labour	663186	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
Ministry of Communications	847391	Association of Banks in Jordan	662258
Ministry of Agriculture	639391	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Income Tax Department	660151	General Statistics Department	846171
Central Bank of Jordan	630301	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
Amman Customs Department	772181		
Social Security Corporation	643000		
Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	721194		

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.7270/80	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2120/30	Canadian dollar
	1.8445/50	Deutschemark
	2.0790/8000	Dutch guilders
	1.5615/25	Swiss francs
	38.67/70	Belgian francs
	6.2875/2925	French francs
	1374/1375	Italian lire
	129.20/30	Japanese yen
	6.3150/3200	Swedish crowns
	6.8050/8100	Norwegian crowns
	7.1130/80	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	405.30/405.70	U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The share market closed barely steady as bargain-hunters sought selected resource and industrial stocks in generally lacklustre trading. The All Ordinaries index closed 0.2 points up at 1,543.7.

TOKYO — Shares closed down but off their lows after holding to the minus side all day. One broker said the market was falling for internal reasons. The Nikkei index fell 60.23 points, 0.22 per cent, to close at 27,409.37.

HONG KONG — Stocks closed lower after three consecutive increases and trading fell as investors consolidated positions. The Hang Seng index closed 19.75 points down at 2,551.86.

SINGAPORE — Shares closed moderately lower across the board on lack of follow-through buying support and widespread profit-taking. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 14.36 points to 1,004.18.

BOMBAY — Prices dropped for the second day in a row on continued speculative selling after rising sharply in the past two weeks. They said end-of-account considerations undermined sentiment.

FRANKFURT — News that trading group Kloeckner and Co might have lost up to 700 million marks in oil forward contracts rocked the market, knocking prices to a lower close.

PARIS — Shares were easy but off morning lows in quiet trading, with many operators sidelined ahead of Thursday's U.S. August trade data. The 50-share indicator posted a 0.40 per cent decline.

ZURICH — Shares closed slightly lower in moderate trading on the lower dollar. The negative trend on Wall Street and in Tokyo also dampened market sentiment. The Swiss index shed 4.6 points to 923.1.

LONDON — Shares traded close to the sessions lows, largely responding to a sharp sell-off on Wall Street following a drop in the dollar. At 1433 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 18.9 to 1,819.4.

NEW YORK — Stocks were broadly lower but blue chips were above lows. The Dow was off 19 at 2,137 after being down several points more at the opening.

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Baseball playoffs

Mets defeat Dodgers, tie at 3 games each

LOS ANGELES (R) — New York Mets pitcher David Cone gave up just five hits, all singles, as New York beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 Tuesday to even the national league championship series at three games apiece.

The Mets, the national league eastern division winners, will face the western division champions in the deciding game of the best-of-seven series Wednesday in Los Angeles.

Kevin McReynolds was the big hitter for the Mets, getting four hits in four at-bats including a two-run home run. He had three runs batted in.

Cone, who lost the second game to the Dodgers and was the centre of controversy about newspaper articles he wrote criticizing some Los Angeles players, was in command all the way after surviving a first-inning threat.

He showed signs of nervousness when he walked the first two Los Angeles batters on the minimum eight pitches.

"You can't put all of the controversy from before aside because they won't let it go away," Cone said after the game. "I was very nervous when I went out tonight."

But Cone got out of trouble when Kirk Gibson, who homered in two previous games for the Dodgers including the dramatic game winner in the 12th inning Sunday, attempted to bunt and popped out to Cone. Cone retired the next two hitters.

"The big thing that turned it around for me was when Gibson bunted and we got out of the first," Cone said.

Gibson defended his hunt attempt. "It was my decision. I stand up for it. If I executed it properly it's a good play."

Tyson fractures right hand

NEW YORK (AP) — Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has reportedly re-fractured his right hand, possibly putting a crimp in his scheduled title defence on Dec. 17 against Frank Bruno in London.

Bill Cayton, Tyson's manager, confirmed Tuesday that he had been called by promoter Don King from Cleveland, Ohio, with the news that may affect the champion's fight schedule.

The latest revelations were contained in a story in Wednesday's edition of the New York Daily News.

According to reports, Tyson was hitting the heavy bag in a

gym on King's Farm in Orwell, Ohio, when the injury occurred. His hand was then re-set in a cast by a Cleveland doctor, the news reported.

Tyson originally had been scheduled to start training Monday in Castille, New York.

Cayton said he could not be positive whether the apparent hairline fracture on the third metacarpal of the right hand, which Tyson injured in a Harlem street fight with Mitch Green in August, was new or old.

That original injury forced postponement of the fight with Bruno until October. Further problems moved the fight back two more times, to December.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Greece ahead in bridge Olympiad

VENICE (R) — Greece were clear overnight leaders in the world bridge team Olympiad Group A qualifiers after beating West Germany 19-11, Mauritius 25-0 and Barbados 23-7. In the race for four quarter-final berths, the United States, the strong pre-tournament favourites, were in sixth place after a day of mixed fortunes in which they lost 17-13 to Taiwan but later found form to trounce fancied Austria 25-4. Italy headed Group B after a successful day in which they beat two strong rivals, Britain by 25-1 and former Olympiad champions Brazil by 22-8, with 18 victory points for a bye in the remaining session of the day. Ireland took full advantage of an easy draw to win all three matches, maintaining their best challenge for world honours. Fourth-placed Denmark were also poised to climb higher.

Kasparov blunders, drops game

REYKJAVIK (R) — Soviet world champion Garry Kasparov fell into a simple trap and lost to fellow Soviet grandmaster Andrei Sokolov in the seventh round of the world chess tournament in Iceland. Experts said Kasparov made his worst blunder in several years Tuesday, accepting a pawn sacrifice from Sokolov. Two moves later, Sokolov sprang his trap, capturing Kasparov's queen. The world champion resigned a few moves later. The defeat leaves him back in joint fifth place one-and-a-half points behind tournament leader Mikhail Tal, a Soviet former world champion from 1960 who has five points of a possible seven. The tournament carries prize money of \$100,000 and includes 18 of the strongest players in the world.

Bremen heads for clash with Celtic

BREMEN (R) — West German soccer champions Werder Bremen trounced East Germans Dynamo Berlin 5-0 Tuesday to qualify for a European Cup second round clash with Scotland's Glasgow Celtic. Werder, beaten 3-0 by Dynamo in the first leg of their first round clash in East Berlin last month, rediscovered their scoring touch in the second leg to go through 5-3 on aggregate.

Lecote through to second round

TOULOUSE (R) — Top-seeded Henri Lecote defeated late stand-in Tom Nijssen of The Netherlands 6-2, 6-3 to reach the second round of the Toulouse Olympia Grand Prix tennis tournament Tuesday. The Frenchman had originally been scheduled to play Ramesh Krishnan in the first round, but the Indian player withdrew a few minutes before the match was due to start because of a back injury sustained Friday.

Navratilova defeats Porwick

FILDERSTADT (AP) — Martina Navratilova of the United States defeated West Germany's Claudia Porwick 6-1, 6-2 in first-round action Tuesday at the \$250,000 Virginia Slims tennis tournament. Navratilova, the defending champion, wrapped up her match against the 20-year-old Porwick in 49 minutes. In other first-round matches, Barbara Paulus of Austria eliminated Claudia Kohde of West Germany 6-3, 6-2, and Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden defeated West German Wiltrud Probst 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Surinam honours gold medallist

PARAMARIBO (R) — The Surinam president presented swimmer Anthony Nesty with the country's top civilian award Tuesday for winning the country's first Olympic gold medal and announced the National Indoor Stadium would be named after him. President Ramsewak Shankar awarded the 20-year-old swimmer the order of the yellow star in a ceremony at the presidential palace and said the stadium in the Surinam capital would be renamed the Anthony Nesty stadium. Nesty, who trains at the University of Florida, won the 100 metres butterfly in Seoul, beating U.S. favourite Matt Biondi by 0.01 seconds to the delight of the 400,000 citizens of this former Dutch colony on South America's northeast coast.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day will bring you a considerable amount of cleverness and ability to achieve, but later you may have trouble with some flaws in your plans. You should get plenty of rest this evening.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make sure your abilities are noticed by superiors, but don't take any crazy risks. Get into community affairs, and drive very carefully.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) If you operate in a more modern fashion, you can add considerably to your success. Be very practical where investments are concerned.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Enjoy sports with a friend this evening, but be sure you do something to please your mate first and avoid arguments at all costs.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be factual and succinct when dealing in business matters today. Avoid getting into a situation which will attract attention.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Take some time to come to an agreement with your co-workers. Pay some needed attention to your health this evening, and get some rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take care of appointments for Saturday.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1988

As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Your time will be occupied by an important obligation this morning, but once you clear it up, you'll have so much opportunity to capitalize on some unique ideas and to work on advancement and personal goals.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Outside associates can be of great help in getting your point across today. The evening would be fine for a discussion with an old friend.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get a breathing business matter straightened out this morning. It may behoove you to involve yourself in a community service.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) There is an opportunity for expansion nearby, but make sure you're considering the right plan. Tend to your health and take a walk.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Show more affection for your mate. A small but unusual gift would please him or her greatly. Don't be extravagant.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Once you know what is expected of you by your family, do your best to please them. Have a chat with someone who can enlighten you.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be sure to handle an important

English soccer

Newcastle seeks boost from clash with Middlesbrough

LONDON (AP) — The English soccer season may be only seven games old but already one first division manager has paid the price of failure.

Willie McFaul, one of the busiest managers in the closed season transfer market, was sacked Monday by Newcastle United, which is next to bottom in the 20-team standings with just one victory from seven outings.

Ironically, that sole triumph was at the home of champion Liverpool. But it was followed by a 3-0 home defeat by Coventry City and the Newcastle directors decided that McFaul's time had run out.

McFaul, a 45-year-old former Newcastle goalkeeper who had

been in charge for three years, was under pressure from the fans who had seen him sell three of the club's best players — Chris Waddle and Paul Gascoigne to Tottenham Hotspur and Peter Reid to Liverpool.

The Gascoigne sale for \$3.4 million came during the summer when McFaul also spent \$4.7 million on new players, including goalkeeper Dave Beasant and defender Andy Thorn from Wimbledon and striker John Hendrie from second division Bradford City.

While speculation mounted over who would be McFaul's successor, former Newcastle favourites Malcolm McDonald and Terry McDermott gave their views on what had gone wrong at one of the proudest clubs in English soccer.

McDonald, a former England international who was a bustling, goal-scoring hero at St. James' park during the 1970s, slammed Newcastle's board for "deceiving" the fans.

On Saturday, Newcastle has the chance to bounce back in style with a home game against north-east English neighbour Middlesbrough, which will want to atone for being knocked out of the Littlewoods challenge cup

Tuesday night by fourth division Tranmere Rovers.

The Newcastle-Middlesbrough clash is one of only three first division games scheduled for the weekend. The others are Charlton Athletic-Aston Villa and Sheffield Wednesday-Wimbledon.

The remainder of the division one programme has been postponed to allow English players to be fresh and injury-free before next Wednesday's World Cup qualifying game against Sweden at Wembley.

With Scotland hosting Yugoslavia the same night, no games are scheduled for the Scottish premier division.

HORSE RACES AT THE ROYAL RACING CLUB — TUNEIB

FIRST RACE 3.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1. Aly Abdullah Ashraf	M. Aly	Owner	Aly	56
2. Mohammad Saman Nabolsy	M. Saman	Owner	Yousef	54.5
3. Mohammad Saman Nabolsy	M. Saman	Owner	Younis	49.5
4. Mohammad A. E. Aziz	M. A. Aziz	Owner	Sami	53
5. Oudhi Mshiri Barash	Adham	Owner	Salam	53
6. Abdullah Mahmoud Ahmad	M. Samia	Owner	Najib	51.5
7. Mohammad Sukman Khatun	M. Mawla	Owner	Kasim	50
8. A. El Satar Matar	J. El Mshah	Owner	Hary	48.5
9. Sali Mazy Aowan	N. Ahmad	Owner	Russell	48.5

SECOND RACE 3.25 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1. A. El Kaieem Salim Rakad	M. Rakad	Owner	Rashed	56
2. Fared Lazam El Neel	Jamun	Owner	Saad	54.5
3. H. H. Late Sherif Nasir Stabile	S. El Khat	Owner	Abbas	54.5
4. Mashhour Faisal A. Jnaib	El Fahou	Owner	Abbas	54.5
5. Mashhour Faisal A. Jnaib	T. Elmanaya	Owner	George	53
6. Mashhour Faisal A. Jnaib	T. El Saad	Owner	George	53
7. Saam Aly Rabayah	Monyay	Owner	Eloekn	51.5
8. Khalil Haddadin	Waved	Owner	Kasim	50
9. Khalil Ayad Hammam	Boikan	Owner	Najid	50
10. Ghaili Haddadin	M. Ayar	Owner	Mstail	50
11. Sultan Faisal Awad Faez	Rahla	Owner	Hary	48.5
12. Raddi Ahmad A. Shnan	A. Raddi	Owner	Yousef	48.5

THIRD RACE 3.50 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1. Hajja Wasil Bsharat	S. Elail	Khareidin	Rashed	57
2. Ghaili Haddadin	Makboul	Owner	Mostafa	56
3. Nawal Marwah E. Faez	Rahil	Owner	Yousef	55.5
4. H. H. Late Sherif Nasir Stabile	Khareidin	Owner	Abbas	53
5. Nami E. Hmoud	El Ghoc	Owner	Rahil	53
6. Nami E. Hmoud	Bahar	Owner	Hary	51.5
7. Nawal Marwah E. Faez	Murad	Owner	El Qadeh	51.5
8. Kamal Wasil Bsharat	M. Dna	Owner	George	48.5

FOURTH RACE 4.15 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1. Samy Haddadin	Batal	Owner	Mostafa	56
2. H. H. Late Sherif Nasir Stabile	S. Elail	Owner	Abbas	53
3. Mashhour Faisal A. Jnaib	S. Elail	Owner	Abbas	53
4. Aly Fared El Saad	Mashael	Owner	Rashed	51.5
5. Aly Fared El Saad	F. Noat	Owner	George	48.5
6. Hary E. Hadeed	Rose	Owner	Saad	51.5
7. Ghazy A. Jabi	Nazak	Owner	Kasim	48.5
8. Mansour Anwar Shalan	Salam	Owner	Kasim	48.5
9. Nami E. Hmoud	Rinal	Owner	Hary	48.5
10. Nami E. Hmoud	Kamar	Owner	Kasim	48.5
11. Yalia Mohammad Khaili	N. Faris	Owner	El Qadeh	48.5
12. Ghaili Haddadin	Jahil	Owner	El Qadeh	48.5

FIFTH RACE 4.40 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1. Ghaili Haddadin	Elamouh	Owner	Mostafa	59
2. Ghaili Haddadin	Tahik	Owner	Saad	59
3. Kamal Wasil Bsharat	Elbady	Owner	Khareidin	59
4. Hajja Wasil Bsharat	Wardan	Owner	Khareidin	59
5. Nami E. Hmoud	El Talak	Owner	Hary	56
6. Mansour Anwar El Shalan	Mazyoun	Owner	Kasim	56
7. Aly Fared El Saad	J. El Saad	Owner	George	56
8. Aly Fared El Saad	Saad Aly	Owner	George	53
9. Sa. Elcin Elail	Alam	Owner	Ahmad	56
10. Khalil Haddadin	H. Maen	Owner	Adnan	56
11. Kamal Wasil Bsharat	H. El Roman	Owner	Khareidin	56

Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

A STUDY IN SCARLET

Both vulnerable, North deals.

NORTH
 ♠ Q 10 8 5
 ♥ A 7 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ 8 7 6 5

EAST
 ♠ 4 3
 ♥ Q 10 9 5
 ♦ K Q 9 5
 ♣ 4 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A K J 9 7 6
 ♥ K
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ A K J 10

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
 5 ♠ Pass 7 ♠ Pass
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠.
 Some extra chances are hard to spot. However, we would expect all our readers to find the winning line in this hand at the table.

If South found his partner's one club opening bid hard to believe, the three-club raise was a dream come true. He could just envisage an opening bid that did not contain either the ace or king of diamonds, so

he gave his partner room in cue-bid before launching into Blackwood. When North showed both missing aces, South went all the way.

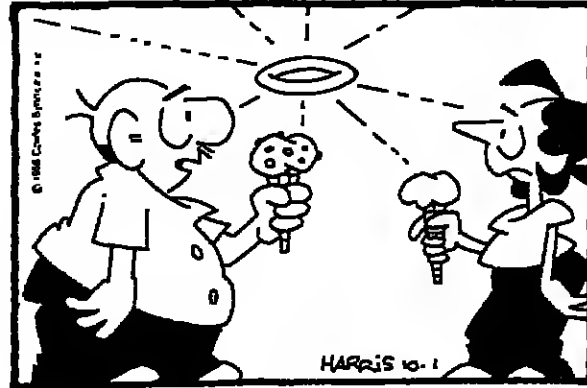
West made his natural opening lead of the king of diamonds, and the dummy was a little disappointing. It seemed that the fate of the hand hinged on a club finesse, not good enough odds to venture a grand slam. But there was an extra chance available that made the venture a rather more palatable proposition. If either defender held the queen of hearts guarded no more than twice, the jack could be established and the suit would provide two discards.

After winning the ace of diamonds, declarer came to hand with the king of trumps and cashed the king of hearts. A trump to the queen drew the last of the enemy's trumps and provided the entry for a heart ruff. Declarer crossed back in the table with a diamond ruff and cashed the ace of hearts, discarding a club from hand.

When the woman in red appeared on this trick, the club finesse was no longer needed. Declarer stuffed his last club on the jack of hearts and claimed his slam.

THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



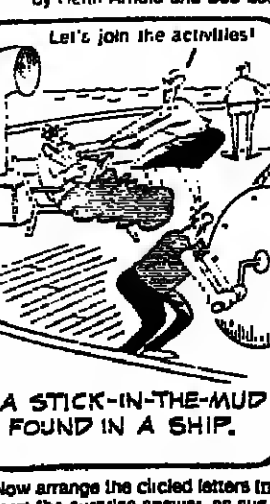
"Mine is Heavenly Hash!"

JUMBLE.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FAHFC
 CEDID
 GALLOB
 INJOUR



A STICK-IN-THE-MUD FOUND IN A SHIP.

Print answer here: THE

Yesterday's Jumbles: OWING LOGIC POPULAR CLEAVE
 Answer: Mean the disappearance of the carriage—THE "CAR AGE"

Kabul invites ex-king for talks

KABUL (R) — Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq Wednesday invited former King Zahir Shah and other exiled leaders to meet him for talks aimed at ending a bitter war with Mujahedeen rebels.

"Through you I would like to make this offer," Sharq told western journalists.

Sharq said he, as the younger man, was willing to follow Afghan custom and travel to see Zahir Shah who lives in Rome.

The former monarch is widely regarded in Afghanistan and among refugees as one figure who could bring the country's warring factions together, although diplomatic sources said some rebel factions were opposed to him.

"As for those younger than me, I ask them to come to

Afghanistan," he said.

Sharq, who became prime minister in May, was prominent in a 1973 coup that overthrew the king and is regarded by the rebels as too close to Moscow to be an acceptable negotiating partner.

He presides over a 31-member cabinet, only 13 of whose members belong to the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) backed by Moscow.

Sharq, who is not a PDPA member, described his government as a bridge between the party and the rebels who have

fought Kabul from bases in Pakistan since 100,000 Soviet troops intervened to prop up a tottering government in December 1979.

Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have been killed and five million have fled into exile in Pakistan and Iran.

Sharq said his government's reason for existence was to negotiate peace.

"Anybody who will contribute to national reconciliation, I will be at his service," Sharq added.

"I will be ready to talk, even to resign so they can take over."

The Mujahedeen leadership in the northwest Pakistan city of Peshawar has rejected all PDPA peace proposals, including a coalition government.

Western diplomats in Kabul

said they doubt a political solution to the war can be found.

The last Soviet troops are due to leave Afghanistan by Feb. 15 under accords signed in Geneva in April.

The diplomats say the Mujahedeen believe they can win the war once Soviet troops are gone.

Sharq declined to say if any new peace offer would be made to the rebels, saying everything was negotiable. "Unfortunately the people have lost their confidence in the PDPA as well as the other side, which has committed many crimes," he said.

"I think the best alternative is to sit at the negotiating table to pave the way for the people of Afghanistan to determine their future by themselves."

Pakistan seals Sind border with India

KARACHI (R) — Pakistan has sealed its border between Sind province and India and clamped a night curfew on the area after recent riots in the southern province killed at least 250 people.

The curfew had been imposed with immediate effect in a border belt up to 25 kilometres wide, a government spokesman said Wednesday.

The government said in a statement Tuesday night in the provincial capital, Karachi, that the measures were designed to enable authorities "to arrest smugglers, illegal immigrants and terrorists (and) saboteurs."

Pakistani officials say the violence in Karachi and nearby Hyderabad, which began Sept. 30, seemed foreign-inspired and reports in local newspapers have accused Indian intelligence agencies of masterminding the killings.

India has denied the charges.

Government officials said army and police had been deployed for what the statement called a "complete sealing of the border areas."

A government statement in Islamabad said an additional 15 para-military frontier constabulary platoons and some armoured personnel carriers had been sent to Sind for police duty.

Half of Karachi, Pakistan's business capital, is still under army curfew following the riots. A curfew is also in force in Hyderabad, where masked gunmen on a shooting spree mowed down at least 182 people Sept. 30.

The riots which began in Karachi the next day took the death toll to at least 250.

Opposition politicians have blamed authorities for the riots which they say were a conspiracy to justify a postponement of the national elections in November.

But acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has ruled out postponing the polls scheduled for Nov. 16.

Armenian party leaders nullify legislative election

MOSCOW (AP) — Party leaders in the troubled Republic of Armenia have nullified the legislative election of two men backed by protesters and fired an election official for allowing the victory, an activist and TASS said Tuesday.

The election of H. Stamboltsyan and Ashtot Manucharian in the embattled southern republic was among the first in which Communist Party candidates have lost to candidates put forward by an unofficial group. Traditionally the party has exercised total control over government and elections to government posts.

A ranking communist official who had certified the victories was kicked out of the party and also may be fired from his government job, the official TASS news agency said. His superior also was reprimanded.

TASS said the bureaucrat was accused of falsifying the election returns by certifying that Stamboltsyan had won the election.

Activist Galstyan Ambartsum said the candidates were backed by the Karabakh Committee, which is demanding Armenia be allowed to annex the mountainous region called Nagorno-Karabakh, a mostly Armenian province lying within neighbouring Azerbaijan.

The Karabakh Committee had organised a wave of strikes that prompted the central government last month to send troops and tanks into Armenia and into Nagorno-Karabakh, where the ethnic dispute had erupted into arson and gunfights.

Soviet officials say the situation in both areas is now stable and workers have been gradually returning to their jobs.

Ambartsum, a Karabakh Committee member, said in a telephone interview from the Armenian capital, Yerevan, that the panel had put forward two candidates in an interim election for three openings in the Supreme Soviet, or legislature, of Armenia.

Both won by resounding margins, Ambartsum said. Neither he nor TASS said when the election occurred.

China may shelter Pol Pot

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — China could grant sanctuary to outcast Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot in order to clear the way for a Kampuchean settlement, according to diplomats.

"The Chinese government would take any alien as a refugee to China if the whole affair conforms with Chinese law," said China's U.N. mission press spokesman Yuan Shihing.

Others said Pol Pot increasingly is viewed as a liability to China and an obstacle to the peace process.

On Asian diplomat familiar with regional negotiations, said China still insists that Vietnam withdraw its troops as a first step in any settlement.

The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, described a possible offer of exile as "the bottom line," but not something which China immediately would offer.

He said China also has indicated a willingness to consider scaling down its material and moral support for the Khmer Rouge at a later date, provided the Vietnamese are serious about withdrawal.

In Washington, meanwhile, Kampuchean Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of one of the three factions fighting the Vietnamese intervention, said Tuesday: "I think it is necessary to give the world some guarantee about the Khmer Rouge in the future."

"I think the ones who are responsible for the genocide in the 1970s must not continue to lead the Khmer Rouge movement and they must go into exile if possible," he said after a meeting with President Ronald Reagan.

In a sign of Peking's distancing itself from Pol Pot, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen recently told the U.N. General Assembly that the armies of the Kampuchean factions should be dissolved and replaced with a new national army, equally representing all factions.

He also said that all parties in a future coalition government must agree mutually on their members, meaning that other parties could veto Pol Pot's presence.

Chinese officials were expected to meet this week with ambassadors of the Association of South-East Asian Nations to discuss the Kampuchean problem.

Street musicians take plastic

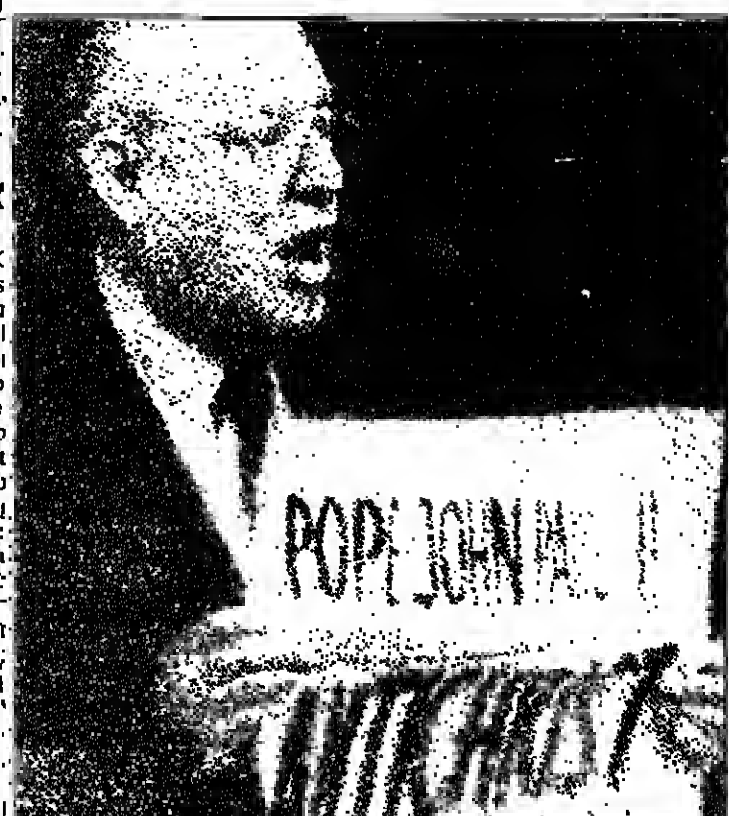
BATH, England (R) — Two street musicians in the tourist city of Bath, an ancient Roman spa resort, are boosting their income by accepting credit cards as well as loose change. Jazz guitarist Jon Green and Mike Britton obtained traders' licences and plastered their open guitar cases with American Express, Mastercard and Visa signs. Now, they say the plastic is pouring in: "We got the idea because American tourists were waving their credit cards at us as we played," Green told reporters. "The days of pennies jangling into enamel tins are long gone."

Elvis' grandchild due in spring

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elvis Presley's daughter, on a Caribbean honeymoon after a surprise wedding last week, is pregnant and will deliver the late king of rock 'n' roll's grandchild next spring, a publicist said Tuesday. Lisa Marie Presley, 20, and aspiring musician Danny Keough, 23, recited wedding vows Oct. 3 during a small, private service at the huge Hollywood headquarters of the Church of Scientology. "Lisa and Danny have been talking for the past year about getting married and starting a family," actress Priscilla Beaulieu Presley, mother of Lisa Marie, said Tuesday through publicist Paul Bloch. Presley is the only heir of the rock superstar, who died in 1977. Under the terms of the singer's will, when Lisa Marie turns 25 she will inherit an estate that was reported to be worth \$50 million.

'U.S. violates human rights'

SAO PAULO (AP) — Rock performer Bruce Springsteen said the United States violates the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that he would like to see more U.S. support for "national liberation movements." Springsteen, in South America's largest city to participate in the Human Rights Now Concert, made his remarks at a news conference with other international rock stars, including Sting of Britain, Peter Gabriel of the United States, Youssou N'Dour of Senegal and Milton Nascimento of Brazil.



Jan Paisley protests against the visit of the Pope to the European Parliament Tuesday.

Pope ends French trip ignoring Paisley outburst

ROME (Agencies) — Pope John Paul Tuesday ended his third visit to France as pontiff in a tour that was marred only by an incident at the European Parliament where an extremist Irish Protestant leader named Paisley heckled him and got expelled.

The Pope ignoring shouts of "Anti-Christ" by Paisley, told Vest European politicians that a united Europe could again be a beacon of civilisation.

The Pope called for a Europe that would transcend economic cooperation and seek spiritual cohesion.

He spoke in Strasbourg near the end of a visit to eastern France, his 40th foreign tour in a decade as head of the Roman Catholic Church.

He had no sooner uttered the opening words "ladies and gentlemen..." than Paisley, a clergyman-politician from Northern Ireland, got to his feet and began hurling abuse.

"I denounce you as anti-christ," Paisley yelled at the

Pope, looking bemused halted his speech and gazed on curiously.

After twice ignoring a call to order from the chair, Paisley was suspended from the sitting and shoved out of the 518-seat assembly by stewards aided by angry fellow-members, who tore up his red "John Paul II anti-Christ," poster.

Paisley's anti-papist views are well known in Northern Ireland, the troubled British province where the Catholic and Protestant communities are deeply divided.

The white-haired Pope, calmly resuming his speech, made no reference to the outburst, which some members later said had shamed the European Parliament.

Capping the central theme he developed in 20 speeches and homilies in a four-day tour of the cities of Strasbourg, Metz, Nancy, and Mulhouse, the 68-year-old pontiff said Europe had to be more than an economic union.

Arsonists attack church centre in South Africa

PRETORIA (Agencies) — The Southern African headquarters of the Catholic Church was set ablaze Wednesday, sending occupants, including two bishops, fleeing down fire escapes, police said.

Fire broke out in the ground floor archives of Khanye (light) House about 2.30 a.m. (0030 GMT) and spread to the first and second floors of the four-storey building, he said.

Containers holding petrol and paraffin were found in the building and police were treating the fire as arson.

The blaze at the Pretoria building appeared to be the latest in a series of attacks aimed at anti-government organisations in the run-up to nationwide municipal elections later this month.

Many prominent South African churchmen, including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, have urged voters to boycott the racially-segregated polls, calling them an exercise in apartheid.

In a pastoral letter two weeks ago, the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC) urged Catholics to "decide in conscience" whether to vote in the elections, drawing attention to the "unjust" situation in the country.

Last August a huge bomb ripped through the Johannesburg headquarters of the South African Council of Churches, injuring 21 people. An unknown white extremist group calling itself the "White Wolves" claimed responsibility for the attack.

France 'its own master' on defence

PARIS (AP) — President Francois Mitterrand has reaffirmed that France would remain its own master on defence issues, saying that the country's "mission was not to assure the protection of any other West European country."

That task, he said Tuesday, belonged to the Atlantic alliance.

He said a French president could realise that the country's vital interests were involved in events beyond its borders and, for example, come to the aid of its neighbour West Germany in an emergency.

Other points Mitterrand made in a major policy speech to the Institute of Higher Defence Studies:

— France's new mobile short-range nuclear missiles should not become theatre or battlefield weapons, but serve as a final warning to an enemy that a nuclear confrontation was starting.

— France would continue to modernise its mainly submarine-based nuclear deterrent, but also update a missile complex in the southern part of the country.

— France retains the capability of building a neutron bomb at any moment.

— France would not join any negotiations on reducing strategic nuclear weapons until there were deputies in the arsenals of both superpowers.

— France opposed deployment of weapons in space as envisaged in the Reagan administration's strategic defence initiative (SDI).

— France would retain its chemical weapons capability until an international ban on their fabrication and use could be negotiated.

Mitterrand said the main objective of France's defence policy was to "maintain our identity, our independence," which is why "we have our own strategy of nuclear deterrence."

He said France was totally committed to achieving nuclear disarmament and described the agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union to ban intermediate range nuclear weapons as one of the major events since the end of World War II.

He said France would remain a reliable member of the alliance without "abandoning its autonomy of decision" with regard to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's (NATO) integrated military command structure.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

15 killed in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (AP) — At least 15 people have been killed this week by police enforcing a curfew in a southern district, authorities said Wednesday. Officers at the military command said five people were killed Monday in the town of Gandara, in the Matara district, when Sinhalese demonstrators attacked a police station during a strike to protest the government's attempts to win over Tamil rebels. An indefinite curfew was imposed in the Sinhalese-dominated district after the incident, and police were ordered to shoot violators. At least 10 people, including two women, were killed and 36 others injured when police fired at demonstrators defying the prohibitory orders, said the officers. Monday's strike was called by the People's Liberation Front, a radical Sinhalese group.

S. African spying unveiled in U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) — A former U.S. army analyst pleaded guilty Tuesday to supplying a wide range of defence secrets to South Africa between 1979 and 1983, the Justice Department said. Thomas Dolce, a former employee at an important army base in Maryland, pleaded guilty to the charge that he furnished the secrets to three military attaches at South African embassy in Washington, the department said. Justice Department prosecutors described the case as the first U.S. espionage prosecution ever involving South Africa. They said Dolce, 49, was acting mainly because he felt the United States should share the secrets with South Africa. The prosecutors declined to say how much damage had been done to national security. The guilty plea was part of a deal with prosecutors that calls for Dolce to cooperate with the government investigation. The prosecutors said they would recommend that the judge impose the maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. No sentencing date has been set.

Ice Cream parlour attacked in Belfast

BELFAST (R) — An off-duty policeman was shot dead and two other people were wounded in an attack in a Belfast ice cream parlour Tuesday night, a Northern Ireland police spokesman said. The policeman was the fourth member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to be killed this year in Northern Ireland. Gunmen shot him in the chest at close range while he was visiting his brother, who runs the ice cream parlour, the spokesman said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Death warrants issued for 2 Sikhs

NEW DELHI (AP) — A judge on Wednesday issued warrants for the execution of two Sikhs convicted in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, news reports said. District Judge S.C. Jain signed the "black warrants" authorising the hanging of Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh, the United News of India (UNI) said. The date was not immediately disclosed, the news agency said. The warrants were delivered to the superintendent of the maximum-security Tihar central jail in New Delhi, where the two men are being held, UNI reported. Both men still can appeal to President Ramaswamy Venkatarman for mercy. The convictions and death sentences for both men have been upheld, and the supreme court has rejected their appeals. The conviction and death sentence of a third man, Balbir Singh, was overturned in August for lack of evidence.

U.S. agency shuts nuclear plant

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has shut down a second plant that makes material for nuclear weapons and tightened security after reports that suspected foreign spies have viewed U.S. nuclear labs. The Energy Department said Tuesday it was taking steps to increase safety and security of its installations after charges that lax security had allowed suspected spies to visit the research laboratories used to develop America's nuclear weapons. The department said that a minor safety incident prompted the order to shut down a nuclear plant near Denver which produces weapons-grade plutonium.

Activist priest ready to leave Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) — An activist priest whose church was the scene of a bloody massacre that triggered Haiti's latest coup is preparing to leave the country at the orders of his superiors, friends said Tuesday. The Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, an outspoken critic of deposed ruler Lt.-Gen. Henri Namphy, said in a statement that he was told to leave Haiti by Oct. 17. In his broadcast, Aristide did not specify who issued the order or whether he would obey. He could not be reached for comment Tuesday. But two friends said Aristide received a letter last Saturday from his Salesian Order superiors in Rome ordering his transfer to the parish of St. Clair in Montreal, Canada. A leftist organisation, the National Popular Assembly, called for a demonstration Friday in solidarity with Aristide. Past rumours of Aristide's departure have sparked demonstrations.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

PHRASEOLOGY
By Martha J. De Wit

ACROSS
1 Veld
4 Speed cop's device
9 Nor. saint
13 Staircase
18 First-class
19 Mites
20 Travelled
21 Papal veil
22 Good effort
23 Resource
24 Middle-of-the-road
25 Fume
26 Card game
28 Loner
30 Wingspread
32 Resource
35 Egypt, god
38 Explosions
39 Office workers

DOWN
1 Blush
2 Cathode's opposite
3 Take after
4 Clerical garments
5 Ship
6 Social engagement
7 After Scot.
8 — Grande
9 Its capital is
10 Opera box
11 Aleutian island
12 de-lance
13 Officer
14 Acclaimed
15 Start over
16 Ma Chiao
17 Nidua
18 Pinnacle
22 Iniquitous

Diagramless
1 Corn on the cob
4 Wings
5 Wooden box
8 Polsonous
9 Future oaks
11 Circus performer
13 Jefferson or Wilson
14 Royal headpiece
15 Article
16 Coarse lilies

DOWN
1 Scot. groups
2 Babble's food
3 Live creature
4 Tapestry
5 Direction
6 Instrument
7 Burmese
8 Chinese etc.
9 Actor Connery
6 Analogy
8 Grammatically
9 Exclamations of triumph
10 — Rica

DOWN
12 Backslide
13 — is la
14 Convey
15 Tram
16 Pronoun
17 Superlative
18 Skippy
19 Peler aigh
20 Interpret
22 Favourite
23 Museum Lupino
24 Alley
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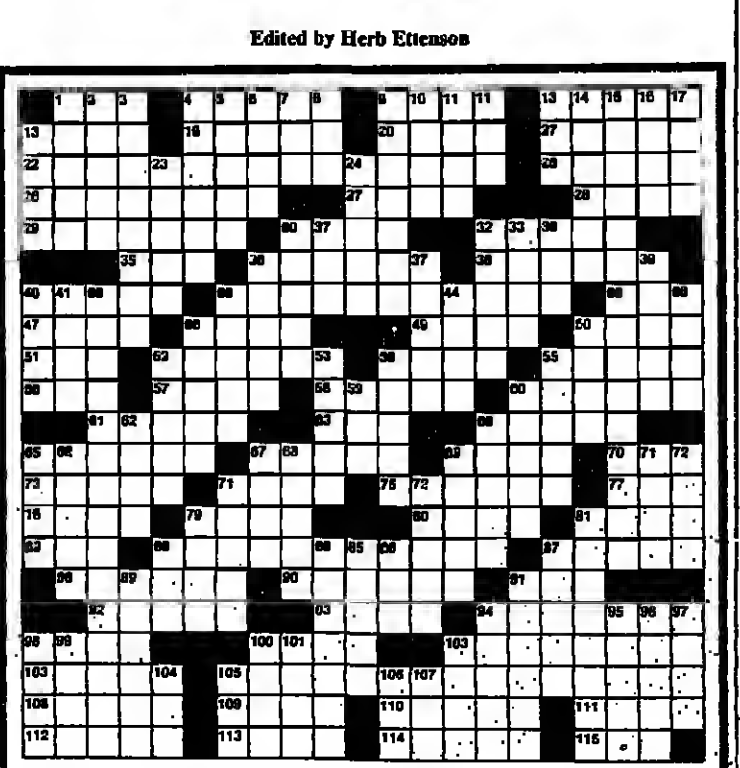
64 Kind of bear
65 Duvale
67 Indiff
68 Mascot
69 Post's word
73 MY city
74 Mince and mud
75 — (positively)
77 Eggs
78 Dye the —
82 Actor Mince
83 Stall
87 Cobs
88 Age
90 Some talk
91 Wrestler's milieu
92 Impress
93 Makes lace
94 Beggar's home
98 Dear — letter
100 Oath
102 Wine drink
103 Of the eye
105 Something
106 Superlative
108 Fish
109 Flat water
110 " — with
111 Adam's
112 In the timid
113 way
114 Toga
115 — Simeon

24 Collide
30 Foster
31 Excessively glib
32 Outwringing
33 — in one's own
34 Ind. weight
36 Makes bread
37 Where the Ebro
38 —
39 Accounts
40 FIRM's dog
41 Vagabond
42 Curiosity
43 Idolator
44 Hostilities
46 Shoots the
48 Aesop's point
50 Barm harbor
52 King Lear's
53 Arise

54 Times of celebration
55 Shoppers' delights
56 Encountered
60 Like Swiss
61 — the riot act
(casual)
62 Actor Mince
63 Stall
67 Cobs
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16 Develops
21 Charles' dog
22 Easter said —
23 Accompany
24 Headache remedies
27 Wriggly fish
28 Dunderheads
32 Autos
33 Musical symbol
36 Wide-mouthed pot

30 Railroad vehicle
31 Planet
34 Go wrong
35 Enemy
38 Museum display
40 Welcoming
41 Wealth
44 Fowl
45 Underwater
46 Warming
48 Conquest
49 James of "unsinkable"
60 Cereal



1. My farsighted espionage aficionado always carries his spyglasses with him.
2. What a lot we need to know in order to know how little we know!
3. Sward swallower ate plain spaghetti, letting it slide down his throat in long strands.
4. A new worry for us: Computer dominance of stupidity.

CRYPTOGRAMS
1. NSRF CPKE TEZYSZ, ZSONM ZWPJSM
KOIKJSOZ YE KRIAAF, BXGL BGSZY CTE
KILSI KOEWWSO IY KOPAAIS. —B Gordon Miller
2. XJSLK FAR HELGROH NSHASJ FXAN LG
NAN FXIH MGLO VYANE CGAAXMF OX
BOGSL VSAKE IHJYSJ. —By Earl Ireland
3. AKTZ FUBCDDX FCBCCD OXCZIDXY FUN FCN
KO ACNUM ZDUMPT OKD KID PUYY.
—By Casale Rosefield
4. 2YNL-HANZY IEPND RUYWYR WE BNLY
REID WE SEEM SUMY PERUHA PERYSH.
—By Lois H. Jones

